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IN FULL RETREAT.

THE DEBACLE AT TONGSHAN.

RAILWAY BLOCKED.

How Town Was Captured By Nationalists.

CIVILIANS HELPED DEFENDING NATIONALISTS.

Now, in full retreat, the Northerners expelled by the Nationalists from Tongshan, in North China, are blocking the Peking-Mukden Railway but, nevertheless, expert observers predict that they will be falling back still further.

Events leading up to the capture of Tongshan are explained in the latest British Naval wireless despatch to hand. For several hours on Sunday, "civil" forces fought alongside with the Northern regulars against the advancing Nationalists, but to no avail.

So far, no trouble has been reported in any of the foreign or protested zones but precautionary measures continue. Latest advice follows:—

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

Tongshan, Yesterday.
Fighting took place on the morning of Sept. 9 between the Nationalists on one side and Northern "civil" and military forces on the other, to the north-west of Tongshan, and resulted in the defeat of the Northerners who then fell back on Tongshan. Tongshan was occupied by the Nationalists a few hours later (about 5 p.m.).

Then followed further fighting in the town of Tongshan and firing by a Northern armoured train was reported.

The Kailan Mining Administration's mines and the foreign quarter were avoided by the contending forces and there was no trouble at the mines.

The retreat of the Northerners eastward continues on a large scale, resulting in congestion at the railway stations of Kuyeh and Wali.

Further retirements are expected.—British Naval Wireless.
[Note: The above bears out the reports in yesterday's "China Mail" announcing the fall of Tongshan.]

JAPANESE LEAVE.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
According to a message from Tientsin the Japanese residents of Tongshan, Kaiping and the vicinity of the mines are now evacuating, while the Japanese residents of Chinwangtao are reported to have completely withdrawn to Shanhai-kwan.—Reuter.

ENCIRCLING MOVEMENT.

Peking, Yesterday.
General Pei Chung-hsi is steadily driving back the so-called Northern remnants, under the Northern leaders, General Chang Tsung-chang and Chu Yu-pu, and is advancing on the Kaiping coal mine area by the threat of an encircling movement to the north of the Peking-Mukden Railway.

Fungtai was captured on Sept. 8 and thus General Chu Yu-pu was forced to evacuate Lutai on the railway, after a short engagement between two armoured trains.

STRICT NEUTRALITY.

According to latest reports, the Northern troops are retiring beyond the Tongshan mining area, where the 1st Batt. Beds, and Herta, Regiment, while maintaining strict neutrality, is taking precautions for the safety of foreign lives and property.

No serious trouble is, however, feared.
Incidentally, it is said that General Pei Chung-hsi will shortly take over the control of the Peking-Tientsin area from General Yen Hsi-shan.—Reuter.

FOREIGN OBSERVERS.

Peking, Yesterday.
The Nationalist troops reached Tongshan on the night of Sept. 9 and penetrated into the Chinese part of the town, but avoided the foreign quarter and the mines which are defended by British troops. Infantry fighting continued in the town during the night.

ARMED ROBBERY IN STANLEY STREET.

DARING AFFAIR.

SIX ARMED ROBBERS ENTER FLAT TO-DAY.

BIG HAUL REPORTED.

Armed with revolvers and knives, six robbers raided a flat at No. 28a, Stanley-street, first floor, this morning. Money, valuables and deeds, amounting to thousands of dollars, it is alleged, were stolen.

Having gained entrance by posing that they wanted to rent a cubicle in the flat, the robbers threatened the inmates of the house. They then bound and gagged their victims with bed covering which they got in the house and, ordering them to lie down on a bed, covered them with a quilt. The victims were threatened that if they raised an alarm, kerosene would be poured on the bed and set on fire.

The robbers remained in the house for half-an-hour.
Mr. Yau Yung-ping, of the Fook Hoi Steamboat Co., is the occupier of the house. He and his wife and two women were in the house when the robbers entered.

FAILED TO REPORT.

Vienna.—To prove that there is an after life, and in order to report from the beyond what it is like, to a spiritualistic séance to be held the following day, John Shaupeier, a railway porter, in the town of Marburg, hanged himself.

John failed to report.—"Washington Herald."

MR. KELLOGG HOME.

ANNOYED BY QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO HIM.

FACT AND PEACE.

New York, Yesterday.
Mr. F. B. Kellogg, on his arrival from Europe was besieged by pressmen while he was sailing up the harbour. He was annoyed at the question as to whether the Anglo-French Naval Compromise was consistent with the Kellogg Pact, and replied that he did not think it had anything to do with it. He understood that there was no Naval Treaty, as both countries had said there was no treaty.

He explained that he went to Ireland to return Pres. Cosgrave's visit and had not visited England because he had no time.
Asked whether he approved of the remarks of Mr. Hoover with regard to the Pact as evidence of the Republican Party's interest in world peace, Mr. Kellogg said: "I am quite sure that Mr. Hoover does not wish to make the Treaty a partisan issue."—Reuter's American Service.

IMMIGRANTS.

THE PROBLEM OF HAVING TWO WIVES.

The methods of boarding house employees in shipping immigrants from Hong Kong to Singapore was revealed at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Two employees of the Nam Yuen Boarding House were charged before Major C. Willson for supplying false particulars to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs in respect of papers concerning an immigrant.

It was suggested by Mr. E. H. Williams, of the Secretariat, that the Chinese immigrant had two wives, one a "kit fat" the other a concubine. As the immigrant could not enter Singapore with two wives, it was alleged that the defendant had advised one of the women to pose as a guardian. The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

A BOMBSHELL FROM BRIAND.

GENEVA SPEECH.

FRANK STATEMENT AS TO GERMANY.

GERMANS DEPRESSED.

Geneva, Yesterday.
At the League Assembly, M. Briand, after paying a tribute to the League and its efficacy, reiterated that the Anglo-French Naval Agreement was merely a step towards disarmament. He answered the question: Why since Germany had disarmed the whole world should not disarm? by emphasising the responsibility of various States and their difficulties. As regards public opinion he denied that armaments had increased since the League's creation. The only country which had increased its armaments was the Soviet which had suggested a



M. Briand.

theatrical gesture of complete disarmament. He concluded by observing: If the League broke down civilisation would.

Germany's Potentialities.
Among the most eloquent passages of M. Briand's long and eloquent speech on disarmament, were his references to Herr Mueller's speech.

The French Foreign Minister said that Germany had disarmed but not completely, and added that a country and people like Germany could not be totally disarmed. She had an army of 100,000 composed of officers, non-commissioned officers and, behind them, an immense reservoir of men who had proved their heroism in the war and who were capable of joining the colours for another decade. Germany possessed enormous mechanical resources and productive powers, and it was impossible to argue that a country so powerfully armed for peace from the industrial point of view would find a difficulty in furnishing materials for war.

M. Briand directly addressed the German delegates sitting in the front row only a few feet away. They did not join in the applause.
Reference to Soviet.
Another noteworthy passage in M. Briand's speech dealt with Soviet Russia, although he did not mention Russia by name. He said that although the Government of one of the great Powers had accepted the Pact, renouncing a war of aggression he was not aware whether it had renounced another kind of war "which some regard as a holy war thinking they alone understand truth and who desire to impose what they regard as truth on other countries by force of arms. It is our duty to take account of such circumstances."

Depressing Effect.
The speech, drawing attention to Germany's war potentialities, had a most depressing effect on the German delegation and German circles at Geneva generally. It seemed to many listeners that he was carried away by his own eloquence and said things which he had not intended.

Berlin, Yesterday.
M. Briand's speech has caused a terrible shock in Berlin political circles and Berlin newspapers which declare it to be a heavy blow against the policy of a Franco-German understanding, showing a deplorable distrust in (Continued at foot of next column.)

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day, was 2/0 1/16.

A GALA WEEK OF SPORT.

IN AMERICA.

BRITISH CHALLENGES FOR TENNIS AND GOLF.

EARLY RESULTS.

London, Yesterday.
America's gala week of sport has opened. Interest is enhanced by British challenges both for the golf and tennis titles.

At Forest Hills Hunter, who has assumed Tilden's mantle as America's number one, beat Williams 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

Bowman (New York) beat Gregory (England) 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Wright, the Canadian Davis Cup player beat Higgs (England) 2-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Brugnon beat Dr. Carl Fisher (U.S.A.) 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6.

Lott beat Landry 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

Fidelman (U.S.A.) beat I. G. Collins 10-8, 6-4, 6-3.

H. W. Austin, the only Englishman remaining in the tournament, beat Teizo Toba (Japan 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1).

At West Newton, Massachusetts, on the Braeburn links, Jones is attempting to win his fourth amateur title, for which there are 144 entrants. In the first 18 of a 36-hole qualifying competition to decide the 32 com-

THE TYPHOON.

North-east or variable winds, moderate, generally cloudy with some rain is the forecast until to-morrow at noon.

Pressure is high over S. Mainland and relatively low over Hainan.

The typhoon appears to be central about 250 miles of Naha. Its direction of motion is uncertain.

petitors for the final stage Johnston (Minneapolis) at present leads with 72. Perkins led the British players with 76. Jones took 77.

Other scores were:—
George Voight 71.
Ross Somerville (Canadian champion) 72.
Jesse Sweetzer 78.
Von Elm 73.
Armstrong 73.
Scores of 79 or better get into the first 32.
British returns included:—
W. D. Hope 78.
Major Hazlet 80.
J. B. Beck 80.
Torrance 83.—Reuter.

A COLLISION.

15 KILLED: MANY INJURED NEAR PRAGUE.

LUCKY ENGLISH PARTY.

Prague, Yesterday.
So far 15 are dead and a number injured in a collision between an express and goods train near Brunn, owing to a mistake at the points.

A party of English travellers in the express were uninjured.—Reuter.

M.P.'S DEATH.

London, Yesterday.
The death is announced of Major Kenyon Slaney, Conservative M.P. for Tavistock since 1924.—Reuter.

Germany's sincerity and her will for peace."

M. Briand Interviewed.
Geneva, Yesterday.
M. Briand, in an interview, says he is surprised at the stir created by his speech. He said he intended to show the efforts France had made towards peace and had intended to convey the impression that Germany was disarmed. He emphasized that France was constantly making an effort towards peace and that the war potentialities of some countries, which were indisputable problem in disarmament could not be solved without frank speech. It would be a dishonour towards France, if owing to the attitude of Russia, France should discontinue its efforts towards disarmament.—Reuter.

FREIGHT RATES TO FAR EAST.

A REDUCTION.

COTTON GOODS AND YARNS FROM ENGLAND.

RECENT NEGOTIATIONS.

London, Yesterday.
As a result of negotiations between the steamship owners of Manchester and the Chamber of Commerce, freight rates of certain types of cotton goods and yarns, exported to the Straits Settlements, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Japan have been materially reduced.—Reuter.

SIR E. C. PEARCE.

FORMER SHANGHAI RESIDENT PASSES AWAY.

A POPULAR MAN.

London, Yesterday.
Sir Edward Charles Pearce has died in England at the age of 66. Sir Edward, who was knighted in Hong Kong by the Prince of Wales in 1922, was prominently connected with China for many years and received the Chinese Order of Merit and the Chinese Decoration of the Chiao, 4th grade, and was a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur. On the occasion of the Prince's visit, he represented the Treaty Ports.

Educated at Charterhouse, he came to China as a merchant in 1884. Ultimately he became senior partner of Messrs. Ibert & Co. In 1921 and 1923 he was Chairman of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce and the China Association, Shanghai.

In his youth Sir Edward was a noted Shanghai athlete, a keen volunteer and a member of the volunteer Fire Brigade. He was of a general disposition and a man of outstanding ability.

THE LEAGUE.

CHINA'S RE-ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNCIL SEAT.

INSUFFICIENT MAJORITY.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Assembly has voted by 27 votes to 23 in favour of China's re-eligibility for election to a non-permanent seat on the League Council, but as a two-thirds majority is necessary, China is debarred from again standing for the seat she is at present vacating.
The Persian delegation has addressed a letter to the President of the Assembly regretting that its candidature has conflicted with China's unexpected request for re-eligibility. The letter declares: "China is a country for which we entertain the most cordial sentiments. We are given that she should have taken her decision without our knowledge."—Reuter.

AT GENEVA.

NON-PERMANENT SEAT VOTING.

CHINA OUT OF IT.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The voting for non-permanent seats resulted as follows:—
Spain, 46; Persia, 40; Venezuela, 36; Norway, 11; Slam, 6; Denmark, 8; Paraguay, 2; Uruguay, 2; Greece, 2; Portugal 1; Austria 1. Fifty States voted.
In view of China's failure to secure the necessary majority for re-eligibility no vote was cast in her favour.
The Assembly by 37 to 10 voted for granting Spain's request that Spain be declared re-eligible for election at the expiration of her three years of office.—Reuter.

DUE TO A FALL.

THE DEATH OF CAPT. LOEWENSTEIN.

Paris, Yesterday.
Capt. Loewenstein's death was due to a fall, declare medical experts who found no trace of toxic substance in his organs. The nature of the injuries showed he was alive when he struck the water and the condition of the heart and kidneys indicated he was possibly subject to giddiness, which might have been responsible for an accidental fall.—Reuter.

COST OF SINGAPORE BASE.

CHAMBER'S VIEWS.

SUPPORT FOR THE UNOFFICIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION.

Singapore, Yesterday.
The Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution supporting the view of the Unofficial members of the Legislative Councils that the only sum for which the Colony should be responsible in connection with the Naval Base ought to be the cost of a garrison sufficient and solely for local defence. They approved of the Unofficial members' suggestion of a fixed annual contribution of \$5,000,000 annually for the five years, 1929-33.—Reuter.

[A Reuter telegram from Singapore, dated Aug. 27, stated: The British Government's reply to the Colony's recent protest against the inclusion of the garrison recoverable from Colonial funds, with items connected with the naval base, has been tabled by the Legislative Council.

The Colony's contention has been that the base was required as part of the scheme of Empire defence generally, and not for the defence of the Colony.

Britain's reply suggests that all military expenditure for the initial formation of the Singapore base should be borne by army votes, and all other military expenditure should be paid for by the Colony, as the full ordinary cost of the garrison, including the cost of any military personnel added to the garrison as the new defences are manned, also the cost of maintaining the old and new defences. Finally, the percentage of revenue to be contributed by the Colony will remain twenty per cent.

Unofficial members of the Council have sent a letter to the Press to complain that, because the base is situated in Singapore, owing to its strategic position, it is inequitable that the Colony should pay more than other Colonies and Dominions which are equally interested.]

UNLUCKY AVIATORS.

HASSELL AND CRAMER IN A WRECK.

ON A REEF.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.
Local authorities in South Greenland have received news that the motor-boat containing Professor Hobbs, the American airman, Bert Hassell and Parker Cramer, and four companions struck a reef on the 6th inst. and foundered. All were saved and assistance is being sent for the wrecked.—Reuter.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

U.S. & NANKING TO EXCHANGE SALUTES.

SHANGHAI, YESTERDAY.

Plans are under way for the re-opening of the United States Consulate at Nanking which, it is expected, will take place on Nov. 1. It is likely that a division of United States destroyers will be sent to Nanking for the purpose of supplying a guard of honour which will attend the ceremony, also to fire salutes in answer to Chinese salutes, this being a new departure in American-Nationalist relations, as the U.S. Navy heretofore has not recognised the Nationalist salutes.

It is understood that Mr. E. J. Spiker, the administrative Consul at Shanghai, will take charge at Nanking with the re-opening of the Consulate. Mr. Cunningham and Rear-Admiral Yates Stirling, Jr., and other United States officials will attend the re-opening ceremony.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S GARRISON.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
General Chien Ta-chun is handing over the post of Garrison Commissioner in Shanghai to General Hsiao Shih-huei on Sept. 15. The latter's troops are expected to commence to arrive in the Shanghai area this evening.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, 6th Sept., 1928.

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K. A. CARSTENSEN
Actg. Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 6th Sept., 1928.

NOTICES.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

SCHOOL will re-open MONDAY, 17th September. Entrance Examination for new pupils, FRIDAY, 14th September, at 9.30 a.m.

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Hong Kong, 1st Sept., 1928.

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Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on September 1, 1928:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1927	1928
Tytam	22.37	22.37
Tytam Byewash	15.8	15.8
Tytam Intermediate	15.8	15.8
Tytam Tui	15.8	15.8
Wong Nei Chung	15.8	15.8
Pokfulum	15.8	15.8
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"; L denotes "Level with Overflow"]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Tytam	354.80	227.15
Tytam Byewash	22.37	5.25
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tui	1,419.00	1,273.00
Wong Nei Chung	26.34	12.62
Pokfulum	66.00	36.00
Total	2,114.41	1,749.93

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August.

	1927	1928
Consumption	333.42	326.52
Estimated population 414,600		424,820
Consumption per head per day	25.9	24.8

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during August, 1927. Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during August, 1928, with the exception of Districts West of Garden-road where an intermittent supply was given from 1st to 8th August, 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	127.1	127.1
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	127.1	127.1
Reception Reservoir	127.1	127.1
Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	352.50	336.15
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	100.80	116.10
Reception Reservoir	32.28	32.28
Total	485.58	484.53

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August.

	1927	1928
Consumption	109.13	113.94
Estimated population 161,600		166,540
Consumption per head per day	21.8	22.1

Full Supply in all districts during August 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to August 31, 1927, 98.09. August 31, 1928, 65.97.

DARING SCHOOLBOYS

PLACE IRON BAR ON RAILWAY LINE.

OBSTRUCTION CLEAR.

A story of how a passenger train might have been derailed near Seven Trees Bridge, Blackburn, was told at Blackburn Juvenile Police Court, when two twelve-year-old schoolboys were summoned for maliciously placing an iron bar and a number of tins across the railway line with intent to obstruct a passenger train.

Mr. H. E. Daniel, prosecuting on behalf of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company, related how William Deakin, the driver of the 6.30 p.m. train from Manchester to Hellfield, was passing Seven Trees Bridge, about 7.40 p.m. on June 30 when he saw an old shoe and three tins on both rails of the line on which the train was travelling. The engine knocked the obstruction clear, and on looking back he saw two boys running along the line, apparently in order to see what the result was. He reported the matter, and Stanley Cramp, the signalman at Cemetery Hill box, stopped the 6.20 Hellfield to Salford goods train, and the driver was given instructions to approach the bridge cautiously.

Reluctant to Prosecute.
"We are reluctant to take proceedings against boys of this age," continued Mr. Daniel, "but I should be failing in my duty if I did not draw attention to the seriousness of the matter. It must be obvious to all that an iron bar of the length and dimensions of this one might easily have thrown the train off the line."

Police Constable Burniston said that on July 2 he saw one of the boys at his home. He said, "We went over a wall near Whitaker's yard and saw a bar near the catch-point and some tins lying across the track. We took the bar and tins and put them across the line. We watched the train knock them on. We again took the bar and the tins and put them on the other line. We tied a rope to them, and after pulling the rope off sat on the wall until a man came, when we ran away."

The bar was shown to the magistrates by Mr. Daniel, who observed that it had been bent by the train, which must thus have passed over it.

Mr. James Stanworth (a magistrate) to Deakin: Supposing it had been a fast passenger train, would the bar have thrown it over? Deakin: Had the train been going fast it would have snapped the bar in two and done damage.

One of the boys said that they had no intention of doing anything to the train.

The boys were bound over for twelve months and ordered to pay the costs.

"We have dealt very leniently with you," said the Chairman. "If you ever do such a thing again you will be whipped, and had you been older you would have been sent to prison. A number of lives might have been lost."

J. H. PARSONS.

CRICKETER TO BE A CURATE.

London, July 18.
J. H. Parsons the Warwickshire professional cricketer, is to be ordained into the Church of England at the close of the present season.

He is likely to have a Warwickshire curacy.

Parsons is one of the few cricketers who have played as amateurs and also earned public testimonials as professionals.

He first came into the limelight in 1910 by scoring a double century while playing for the Warwickshire Second Eleven, and was at once promoted to the senior eleven.

He never looked back, and twice since then has been chosen for the Gentlemen vs. Players match.

During the war he enlisted as a trooper, won the M.C., and was gazetted a captain in the Indian Army.

After the war he re-appeared as an amateur, but turned professional and became Warwickshire's star batsman. A tall, military figure, he is, above all, a stylist at the wicket.

His benefit match was in 1927. In that season he scored five centuries.

His highest score was 225, obtained at Birmingham against Glamorgan, in 1927. He is 38.

The Royal Humane Society's certificate was presented at Hendon, N.W., to Frederick Boulter, aged 14, for rescuing a six-year-old girl, Joan Morrissey, from drowning in the Welsh Harp.

KING ALFONSO.

ROYAL TRAIN TO HAVE BEEN HELD UP.

KIDNAPPING PLOT.

Paris.—A plot to waylay and kidnap King Alfonso and General Primo de Rivera while they were returning to Madrid after opening the new Franco-Spanish railway tunnel through the Pyrenees, and to hold them prisoners in the steep mountain passes until a coup d'état had taken place, is reported from the frontier.

This is the sensational explanation that a Hendaie correspondent of the "Ouest Eclair," an important French provincial newspaper, gives of General de Rivera's official announcement that he had discovered a plot against the Government, and that "only one hierarchy would be tolerated" in Spain.

The correspondent recalls that Marcel Weymer and General Aguilera organised a plot in June, 1926, to kidnap King Alfonso when he was leaving Madrid for England.

Officers Blamed.
He states that the alleged plot was identical in many respects, as both were inspired by high army officers and Conservative politicians who were bitterly opposed to the Dictator remaining in power indefinitely.

According to the "Ouest Eclair," the plotters, who were chiefly army officers from Catalonia, had planned to hold up the royal special train in the mountainous region around Canfranc, the Spanish terminus of the tunnel, and kidnap the party by force.

The Spanish Government has refused to give any details of the alleged plot apart from its chief communiqué but it is reported that a number of army officers have been arrested at Barcelona for trying to persuade the troops to revolt, and that extraordinary precautions are now being taken to protect the royal train on its passage to Madrid.

NEW WORLD-MAP.

FORTY-SEVEN STATES AT A PARLEY.

London.—A world atlas, with each nation's contributions of maps, drawn to exactly the same scale and on the same lines, comprising about 1,920 sheets to cover all the land on the globe, is in process of formation.

Delegates appointed by forty-seven governments will attend a great International Geographical Congress which opens at Cambridge to report on the progress of the map.

Progress of the Scheme.
A "Daily Express" representative was permitted to see some of the maps already sent in and the small scale composite map showing the progress of the scheme in all countries.

The work, though first conceived in 1891 and begun in 1909, will not be finished for many years. Indeed some countries, including America and Australia have hardly made a beginning.

Brazil, on the other hand, a country with vast tracts of unsurveyed land, has sent in more sheets than any other nation.

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The Russian guerilla leader, Ataman Semenov, seems again to be coming into the limelight. He is said to have arrived in Dairen, and according to the Chinese Press he intends to take command of the Anti-Communist armies in Manchuria.

Owing to a warning from the Chief Constable of Hampshire a draw organised by the Aldershot Fire Brigade for their August Bank Holiday fete was abandoned.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harpur, of Derby, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Weller, of Lingfield, Surrey, have celebrated their diamond wedding.

UNSOLVED CRIME.

121 MURDERS IN FIVE MONTHS.

IN NEW YORK.

Murder has become as infatigable as a profession in New York as it was for the bravos and assassins of medieval Italy.

Startling statistics were issued revealing that during the first five months of 1928 there were 121 murders in New York. There were, however, only forty-seven arrests and forty-two prosecutions. Verdicts of first degree murder were returned in only two cases, both of which are now the subject of appeals to higher courts which may end in their being quashed. Four persons were found guilty of second degree murder, while eleven were found guilty of manslaughter and two of violence. Three persons were found insane and ten were discharged. Ten trials are now pending decision.

New York Shocked.

These records show that the odds are eleven to two in New York that a murderer will never be sent to prison, and eleven to four that nobody will even be accused. New York is shocked by the fact that in 60 per cent. of the city's murders the police have not been able to make any arrests. There are grave misgivings that Chicago's inability to deal with its murderers is beginning to become a characteristic of the entire country.

Scotland-yard's remarkable record in apprehending murderers causes much envy here, but it is pointed out that the British population is homogeneous and peace-loving, while the New York population is mixed and contains the scum of Europe, turbulent and degenerate people, living in practically foreign settlements. They look on the police as their enemies and refuse them assistance.

The Port of London Authority have approved an expenditure of more than £226,000 for modernising the West India and Millwall docks system.

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NEW WAY UP AIGUILLE VERTE.

DARING FEAT.

Geneva.—A daring mountaineering feat was accomplished recently, when two Chamonix guides made the first ascent of the Aiguille Verte (13,520ft.), in the Mont Blanc group, by the hitherto unclimbed rock-wall extending between the summit of the Aiguille Verte and the Aiguille Sans Nom.

A party formed of Armand Charlet and Camille Devonasoud, accompanied two well-known alpinists, M. Henri de Segogne and M. Jacques Lagarde, members of the French Alpine Club, made the first ascent this season of the Aiguille Verte by the Grands Montets ridge, and spent the night among the rocks at the foot of the Aiguille du Dru. They attacked the perpendicular rock-wall, with its steep ice couloirs and ice slopes.

At midday the two tourists, being out of training, had to give up, and descended with much difficulty. Overtaken by night, they had to camp for a second time among the steep rocks, and arrived at Montanvers next morning. Meanwhile the two guides went on. They ascended a 200ft. couloir full of ice which took them two hours to climb. They had to mount on each other's shoulders to pass over a protruding rock, and reached the ridge joining the Aiguille Verte to the Aiguille Sans Nom between Pointe Croux and Pointe Petigax, reaching the summit at 8 p.m. after 17 hours of strenuous effort. They came down by the Whympre couloir, and arrived at the Convercle Hut at 10.30 p.m.

Two men drove up in a motor-car to the shop of Mr. Sidney Cohen, in Church-road, Leyton, Essex, forced the door, and got away with costumes and frocks valued at £40.

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Fire breaking out on a large cargo junk laden with kerosene oil when in Capsulman Pass last night, rescue work was performed by the British river steamer "Sai On" which had among her passengers Dr. Ma Luk, the eminent local practitioner, and Mr. Ma Luk.

Dr. and Mrs. Ma took charge of the casualties as soon as these were brought on board the "Sai On," and were probably the means of saving at least one life. The other ten members of the crew were attended to for burns and injuries and brought back to Hong Kong by the "Sai On," being subsequently removed to hospital.

The junk left Laichikot yesterday afternoon, bound for Samchun, in Chinese territory. One of the tins leaked, the crew say, and one of the men used a naked light which started the blaze. The "Sai On" was passing and went by to pick up the crew out of the water. Assistance was not practicable as the fire was beyond control. One member of the crew an infirm man of 60, lost his life.

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LOAN INVESTMENT.

The winding-up of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company was the subject of an application in the High Court in Dublin before Mr. Justice Johnson by Mr. Jellett, K.C., on behalf of the liquidator to sanction the judgment of £265,000 of Second National Loan Stock, Irish Free State, to pay the dividends to the Great Southern Railway Company in respect of the Steam Packet Company's liability for the Dublin Junction Railways, now absorbed in the Great Southern.

On behalf of guaranteed shareholders Mr. Shannon, K.C., raised the point that the proposed security was not sufficient, and suggested that Consols should be purchased to provide £3,000 a year required, which, he urged, would provide an absolute and full security.

Mr. Justice Johnson said he did not think such a proposal would be an absolute security.

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It is stated by Mr. Takeo Yamamoto, resident manager at San Francisco of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, that under the terms of a new mail contract with the Japanese Government the line will inaugurate all improved service to the Orient from Seattle beginning January, 1929. Contracts have been let to the Yokohama Dock Co. for construction of three motor liners at an approximate total cost of \$1,800,000.

The new liners will operate under the mail contract, and two additional vessels will be included in the service. The additional vessels probably will be the "Siberia Maru" and "Korea Maru," when the motor liners for the San Francisco-Orient section, now building, are turned



Group taken aboard the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of France" on the arrival of the leader of the British Labour Party, J. Ramsay MacDonald and his three daughters, Isabel, Joan and Sheila, for a six weeks tour of the Dominion. Left to right: Joan MacDonald, Isabel, youngest member of the L.C.C., Captain, Griffiths, commander of the "Empress," The Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, and Sheila. Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald and his daughters will tour Canada, visiting Banff, Lake Louise, Vancouver and other Western points and sail for England in September on the "Empress of Australia."

TERRITORIAL NAMES.

The Admiralty is determined to get the utmost value out of its decision to give the new 8,000-ton cruisers of the B class territorial names as well as the 10,000-ton County class and is doing everything possible to foster local interest. The "Exeter," recently laid down at Devonport, will certainly be remembered in the Western town, for the occasion was made an opportunity for enlisting the interest of everybody of importance in "Exeter" and "Plymouth." It is only a few years ago that the Admiralty were refusing to lay down ships with territorial names in the districts after which they were christened for fear of arousing so much local enthusiasm that it would be impossible to check their costs.

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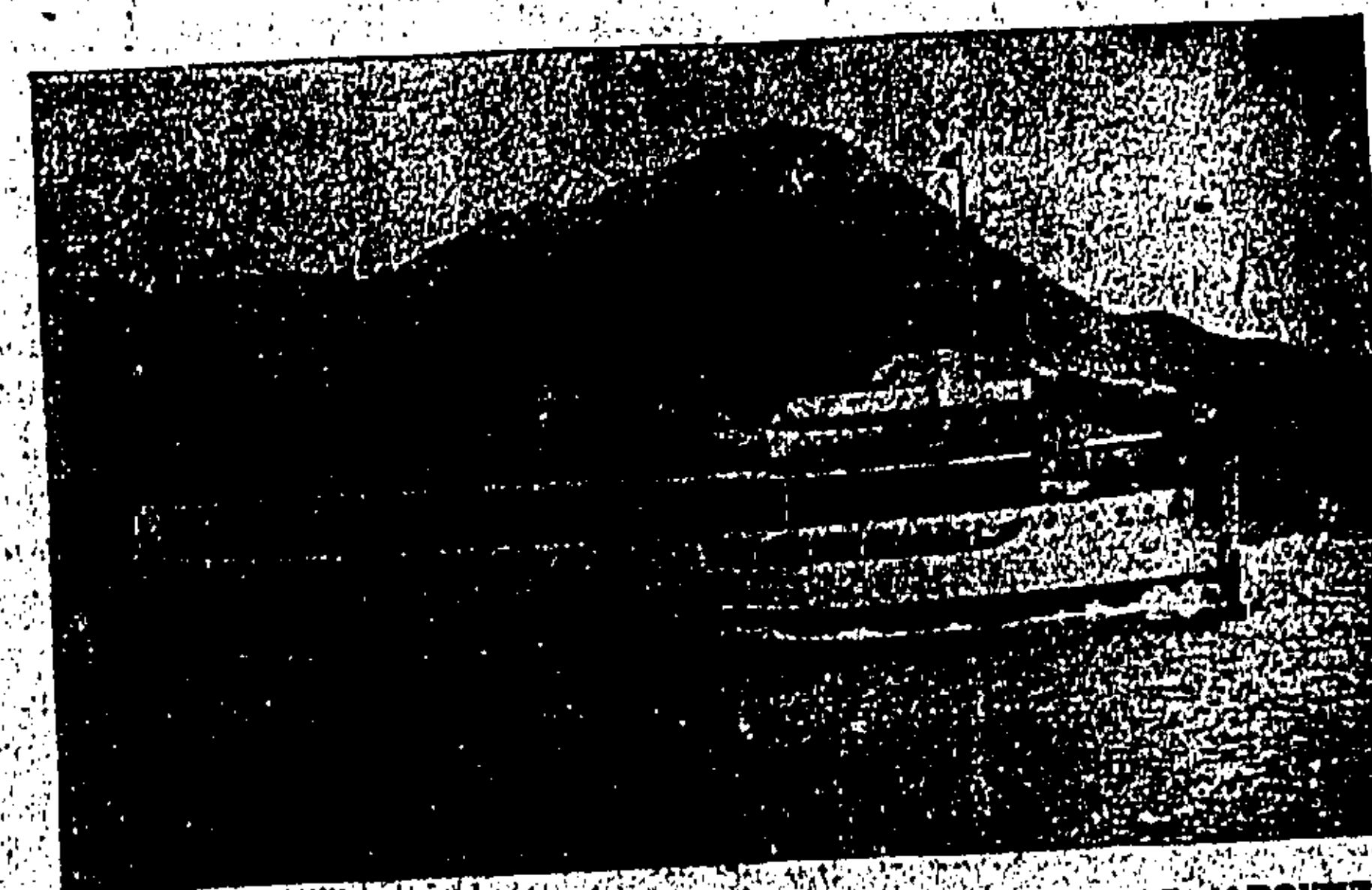
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Hong Kong, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1928.

FALL OF TONGSHAN.

Although until recently Tongshan was hardly known and, in itself, is not a city of great importance, its capture by the 1st division of the 12th Nationalist Army from the Northern remnants on Sunday evening has considerable significance. When the late Marshal Chang Tso-lin decided to give up Peking to the Nationalists, it was thought that "finis" had been written after the last chapter in the civil war. Then an epilogue became necessary. And, in time, when the Nationalists wavered owing to dissension, the length of the epilogue exceeded that of some of the lesser chapters. With the fall of Tongshan, however, it can really be said that the beginning of the end has commenced. Final subjugation of the Northern remnants has been a foregone conclusion all along. But there were difficulties in the way of its accomplishment. Some of the difficulties still remain, such as the presence of foreign residents and property and their protection.

in the shape of military and naval detachments. Fortunately, difficulties are not insurmountable. Both sides have had sufficient experience of strife near foreign concessions to know how to keep out of trouble; and the Powers' units are maintaining neutrality with tact.

What, then, will be the immediate consequences? We suggest that it does not require even boldness to take an optimistic view. Where can the 20,000 or so Northerners go now that they are really pushed? To the west are the Nationalists, advancing in earnest at last. To the east is the Great Wall and, outside that, Manchuria. Even if General Chang Hsueh-liang, the new master of Manchuria, was fool enough to wish to extend sanctuary to the comparatively small Northern Army, either on the ground of old-time associations, or because he covets the addition of the numbers mentioned to his own strength, the Japanese are likely to adhere to their declaration that they will not permit an undisciplined rabble to enter Manchuria and thereby endanger their interests. General Chang Hsueh-liang having made no secret of his intention to co-operate with the Nationalist Government, it is therefore improbable that he will give Japan the opportunity of keeping the Northerners out. In fact, it seems safe to assume that he will do so himself. The only alternatives for the Northerners will then be to fight to the last, surrender, disband, or take to the barren country of the far North.

Not that we cannot resist the temptation of jettisoning impartiality, but we verily believe that China herself and trade in general will benefit by the final conclusion of this wasteful campaign. The present Northern General's proved to the hilt their capacity for wilful misgovernment in Shantung and Chihli provinces. Had it not been so, Manchuria would not have received the astounding volume of emigration from these two provinces and thereby prospered. China Proper will be connected again by land with Manchuria, and after a long interval there will be one administration recognised by the twenty-one provinces substantially in name if not altogether in effect. The war clouds having been blown away, trade with the seaboard of North China and with Manchuria—in which Hong Kong, although fairly far away geographically, is amply interested—ought to flourish once more for the benefit of all. The feeling of general security, will be, it is hardly necessary to add, a mater-

ial political gain to the Nanking Government in a new era of diplomatic negotiation with the Powers.

Shanghai's "Reds."

That Shanghai's "Reds" are capable of literally making their presence felt and their feelings known was again amply demonstrated on Sunday when, in Nanking-road, a sort of "repeat" performance was given of what happened in the same busy thoroughfare on the previous Sunday. An impromptu meeting was staged for the purpose, it appeared, of acquainting passers-by with the tenets of Bolshevism. Pamphlets of the approved colour (red, of course) were distributed, and we learn that they contained the usual diatribes against "unequal treaties" and also that considerable opposition was expressed in them against the local organisation of the Nationalist Party. It seems that on the police, riot squad arriving on the scene, they were received with a volley of stones and general debris, and that, in the melee, trams suffered broken windows and that a number of onlookers were bruised. Happily, 13 of the "demonstrators," including three women, were arrested. Very probably it will be found that the "unlucky thirteen" are of the usual species of half-baked student politician, and that their voices merely indicate the emptiness of their minds. Such as they are nothing but a public nuisance and ought to be treated as such. The birch is the best thing for them.

The Rev. Kirk Macdonald did not, as reported locally, preach his last sermon at Union Church on Sunday. He does not leave the Colony until October 6.

Mr. E. S. Abraham was fined \$5 by Major C. Willson, this morning, for failing to carry a rear lamp on his car at 11.35 p.m. on August 9, in Lower Albert-road.

Col. H. B. Gunn, Mr. F. D. Tracy, Mr. O. L. Shields and Capt. Le Cros, the Hong Kong Yachting Interpret team, sailed for Shanghai this morning by the s.s. "President MacKinley."

A motor car accident occurred at Queen's-road, West, last evening resulting in a policeman being injured, and a lamp standard being knocked down a pedestrian being injured.

A man named Mak Wink (34) was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from injuries caused by falling 15 feet while at work on board H.M.S. "Foxglove" in the Naval dry dock.

Mr. L. Guimaraes was summoned at the Central Magistracy this morning for driving without a driver's licence. Defendant stated that the cycle he was driving at the time was not his. He had a learner's licence, which had expired. A fine of \$5 was imposed by Major C. Willson.

At Kowloon Court this morning, Cheung Tai, on remand, answered to a charge of selling pork unfit for human consumption. Defendant was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro. Mr. L. Reidy, assistant Colonial Veterinary surgeon, appeared for the prosecution. Case proceeding.

That the manufacture of tins was in progress at 8 o'clock in the morning at Yau Ma Tei was the statement made by Sub-Inspector Marks, at the Kowloon Magistracy. Defendant, it appeared, had caused the work to be done on the pavement. Defendant, it was said, was making the tins for the commodore of the Naval Yard. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron left for home this afternoon, flying her paying-off pennant, after several years' service in the China Station. A few weeks ago, the flag of the Commander-in-Chief was transferred to H.M.S. "Kent" after which "Hawkins" returned from North China for refit before leaving. Captain L. W. Brathwaite, C.M.G., who was Commodore and class while he acted as Chief of Staff, is in command.

Letters of administration, with will annexed, to the estate of Mrs. Esther W. Chauncey, widow, a citizen of the United States of America, who died in New York on Feb. 5, 1927, has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, attorney for Mr. F. Chauncey, a son, who was appointed sole executor. Estate in Hong Kong has been sworn at \$50,000. To a daughter, Miss Emily H. Chauncey, Mrs. Chauncey bequeathed \$50,000 and \$1,000 to each of two grandchildren, the residue going to her three sons, Frederick, Duncan and Estlin.

Thanks to the courtesy of the Java-China-Japan Lin we are in receipt of handsomely-bound desk tablets issued to commemorate the firm's 25th anniversary of foundation, which falls on Monday next, September 17.

Instead of running for three days only, as at first announced, Cecil B. De Mille's drama of the Russian revolution, "The Volga Boatman," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre for four days, beginning on Thursday. "The Volga Boatman" is Mr. De Mille's biggest picture since he produced "The Ten Commandments."

Capt. W. Thompson, of the Douglas Steamship Company, is leaving for home this week on the "Empress of Asia." Capt. Thompson, who has been a popular skipper on the China coast for many years, was taken ill at Foochow, on a recent trip up the coast and has been confined in hospital for six weeks since returning to Hong Kong. All who know him will wish him a speedy return to health.

The local offices of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. is in receipt of a cablegram from the Head Office to the effect that at the 97th half-yearly, ordinary general meeting of the shareholders held at the head office at Yokohama on the 10th inst., the report read shows a net profit of Yen 16,281,611.36, including Yen 7,223,536.48 carried over from last account. It was resolved to pay a dividend of 10 per cent. pa (absorbing Y.5,000,000.-) for the half year ended June 30 1928, to add to the reserve fund Yen 3,000,000.—and to carry forward the sum of Yen 8,281,611.36 to the next account.

MISS B. E. STOKES.

FUNERAL AT PROTESTANT CEMETERY.

LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The Army was strongly represented at the funeral yesterday, at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, of Miss Beatrice Elizabeth Stokes, the nurse companion to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bowkett, of the 12th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, Lyeemum. Junior non-commissioned officers of the Battery acted as pallbearers and the Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F., officiated at the graveside and also conducted the service in the chapel.

Among those who attended were Mrs. Bowkett, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Tommas, Mrs. Goodhart, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Gornal, Master-Gunner Fisher, Battery Sergeant Major Bennett, Bdr. Pratt, Bdr. McGee, Gr. Axel, G. Miller. Two of the wreaths were inscribed: In loving memory of our dear "Nannie" from Judy, Susanne, Diana, Joy and Wendy; In loving and affectionate memory from Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bowkett. Other floral tributes were sent by Capt. and the Hon. Mrs. Macnair, B.S.M. and Mrs. Bennett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wilson, Mrs. R. C. Comrie, Master-G. and Mrs. Fisher, Married Families, Lyeemum, L/Bdr. McGee, Mr. C. R. M. Young and Mr. H. C. Resker.

Officers and Other Banks, R.A., 12th Heavy Battery, R.A. (Lyeemum), R.A. Officers' Mess (Lyeemum), R. A. Sergeants' Mess (Lyeemum), R.A. Headquarters Sergeants' Mess, Victoria.

ROMAN FINDS.

RARE RING OF GOLD IN LONDON.

A number of articles, many of which were used by Romans in London 1,800 years ago, dug up in preparing for the erection of Messrs. Spiers and Son's new building between Milnes-lane and St. Martin's-lane, are being exhibited in the hall of the premises.

Cut from a piece of boxwood with two ranges of teeth, one coarse and the other fine, is a comb in such good condition that it looks as though it had never been used, though, when the aged mud was washed off it, there were still a few black hairs between the teeth.

The rarest of all the articles found during the excavations is a small gold engagement ring. The wearing of gold rings among the Romans was by law confined to persons of a high social status, and betrothal rings were supposed to be of iron. The law was from time to time altered, and the right to wear gold rings extended to a wider circle. This ring has upon the bezel two heads in profile, facing each other, probably portraits of the parties concerned. Many specimens of still and the other writing materials, as well as toilet appliances, needles of bronze, bone, and iron, and a quantity of pottery, have also been found.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A modern young man, after kissing a modern girl, said: "I'll be perfectly frank with you. You're not the first girl I've kissed by a long shot!" Modern Girl: "And I'll be equally frank with you. You've a great deal to learn, even at that!"

Hubby: "Well, dear, I've got a new hat for your birthday."
Wife: "Oh, you darling."
Hubby: "Yes, I spent a lot of time wondering what to give you, and this morning you said that nothing would give you greater pleasure than to see me in a new hat."

Scene: Sunday School.
Lady Teacher: "Now, can any little boy or girl tell me who Job was?"

Wec Boy (after a long pause): "A doctor."
Lady Teacher: "A doctor? Oh, dear, no! Where did you read that?"
Wec Boy: "Did ye never hear o' the patients o' Job?"

A Scotsman and a Welshman were having an argument about the fertility of their respective countries.

In answer to the Scotsman's boast that in Scotland a stick thrown on the ground one night would be hidden by grass in the morning, the Welshman replied: "That's nothing! Now in Wales, there is a piece of land where if you turn a horse out on to it one night you will not see it the next."

Tom: "You look seedy, old man. Why don't you take a holiday?"
Tim: "I should very much like to, but I couldn't stay away from the office."

Tom: "Couldn't the firm do without you for a week?"
Tim: "Quite easily; that's the trouble. I don't want them to find it out."

A certain lecturer told the representative of the local paper that he had a few more engagements in the country, and he did not wish him to publish anything of the lecture, as it might spoil the attendance at the other meetings. The next day he was horrified to read in the local sheet: "Mr. — delivered an excellent lecture in the U.F. Church Hall. He gave some very good stories, but, unfortunately, they cannot be printed."

The most original excuse which it has ever been my lot to encounter, says a contributor, was tendered me the other day in a city shop. I had made a small purchase amounting to 1/8, and tendered a 10/ note. I received 6/4 change. "Come," said I, "this will hardly do. You owe me another two shillings." "I'm very sorry," replied the assistant as he handed over the missing florin, "but we're rather short of change to-day."

The gentleman who was engaged in "missionary work" in the slums approached a villainous-looking individual who was lounging outside a public-house. Starting a conversation he urged him to come along to the Mission Hall. "It is a nice hall," said the gentleman, "with texts all around—"
"Oh," growled the other; "then yer don't get me anywhere where there's 'tees all around'—it ain't no place for me!" And he quickly slid back into the bar.

Angry purchaser: Didn't you tell me that you had got as many as 12 eggs in one day from those eight hens you sold me?

Poultry-seller: Yes, ma'am.
Angry purchaser: Then why is it that I'm never able to get more than two eggs from them, and sometimes none at all in one day?
Poultry-seller: I don't know, ma'am, unless it's because you look for eggs too often. Now, if you look for them only once a week, I feel quite positive that you will get just as many eggs as I did.

They were discussing the North American Indian in a school one day when the teacher asked if any one could tell what the leaders of the tribes were called.
"Chiefs," answered one little girl.
"Correct. Now can any one tell me what the women were called?"
There was some silence, and then a small boy, bravely waving his hand for recognition.
"Well, Frank," said the teacher, "the chiefs' wives were called 'squaws'."

EXTRADITION.

FRENCHMAN BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

WANTED IN SAIGON.

Jean Francois Clement Moyner, a man said to be wanted by the French authorities at Saigon, appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday when extradition proceedings were brought against him by the local police.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell said defendant had been arrested at the instance of the Governor of Cochinchina on a charge of uttering forged documents in Saigon on October 17.

The defendant denied the charge. On the application of Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, assistant Attorney-General, who appeared for the Crown, defendant was remanded till Monday next at 10 a.m.

CANTON APPLICATION.

Another extradition case was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday, when an application from the Canton authorities for the extradition of Leung Wai, who is accused of being concerned with others in the kidnapping of a villager two years ago.

The Public Prosecutor, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, and Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., appeared at the Court.

The victim, an old man gave evidence. He said that he was living in the village of Man Yuen Fong with his wife and six children when he was kidnapped. On July 6, 1926, at sundown, as was his custom, he went to the watch-tower of the village to sleep.

By the light of an oil lamp which he was carrying he could discern six men waiting for him at the watch-tower, as soon as he arrived there. They rushed on him and one of the robbers—it was alleged he was the fugitive—made short work of his resistance by stunning him with a revolver.

They tied his hands together with a cord passed around his neck after the fashion of a lasso, led him away from the village. At the end of six or seven miles' walk, he was hoisted into a chair and conveyed for a further twenty miles into Chaok Ng, a fairly large township. Here in a dark hut with his legs fettered, and two other captives as companions, he was kept in captivity for many months. A draft of the letter which was to be sent to his people demanding ransom was provided by the defendant, whom he saw on two occasions smoking opium in the hut. He copied the draft. It was a demand for \$35,000.

THE RANSOM.

The sum was never paid, and while waiting for further news from his people, the place in which he was concealed was raided on a number of occasions by the regular soldiers. At such times, he would be taken with the other captives to the hills and then returned to their prison as soon as the place was clear of the soldiers.

Eventually, after being 22 months in captivity, the ransom, reduced to \$4,500, was paid, and the captive was set at liberty.

He did not at any time see the fugitive after his return to his home village, until the present proceedings were instituted.

Questioned by the Court, witness said he had been to the United States, returning to his native village some 30 years ago, without making his fortune. In point of fact, he was penniless when he returned.

Asked by his Worship if he was still penniless at the period when he was kidnapped, witness showed some reluctance in making a statement.

His Worship: We don't want your money here, so don't be afraid to tell us.

"MORE OR LESS."

Witness visibly brightened up, and admitted that he had money at that date—more or less of it. It could not be said truthfully that he had no money.

His Worship: You are more fortunate in China than in America, it seems.

Asked if he had any question to put respecting this evidence, the fugitive said he was living in Hong Kong, at an address, which he named, at the time of the alleged kidnapping. He further said that the present charge was prompted by a grudge which the old man bore towards him. The old man had made his fortune by practising usury.

Witness denied that he was lending out money at exorbitant interest, and was requested by his Worship to explain how he made his money.

The fugitive: He took possession of our ancestors' estate and converted it to his own use.

His Worship: You mean he foreclosed on the property and took it over when you could not pay him the money?

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"AGRICULTURAL."

PREPARATIONS WELL FOR- WARD FOR SHOW.

THE SECTIONS.

It is possible to say at this stage that the preparations for the forthcoming Agricultural Show in the New Territories are well under way. A general meeting of the Committee was held last Saturday afternoon at Lady Ho Tung's experimental farm at Sheungshui to complete plans for the erection of the stands, to reach decisions on schedule of articles for exhibits in cereals, vegetables, poultry and eggs, etc. The Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., presided and was supported by Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung. Several new Chinese members attended for the first time and Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. Haslam and Mr. James Bullock, of the Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, were also present. The Committee felt especially gratified at the assistance that Major Dowbiggin, Mr. Bullock and Mr. Haslam have offered to the coming Show to be held on January 5 and 6, 1929.

To Mr. Haslam, Manager of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. (China), Ltd., the organisers of the Show in 1927, owed an immense debt of gratitude for the material support coming from his firm, and it is fortunate indeed to have Mr. Haslam maintaining the same keen interest this year.

THE SCHEDULE.

The schedule of articles for exhibit in both English and Chinese is now ready, which is divided into the following sections:—

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

- 1 Green vegetables (Chinese).
- 2 Foreign vegetables.
- 3 Roots.
- 4 Fruits and melons.
- 5 Rice.
- 6 Other cereals and legumes.
- 7 Sugar cane.
- 8 General exhibits.

THE POULTRY.

Thanks are due to Mr. James Bullock for drawing up plans whereby poultry and eggs are to be judged. It is proposed to have the following classes for poultry:—

- 1 Turkey cock.
- 2 Turkey hen.
- 3 Goose or gander.
- 4 Drake.
- 5 Duck.
- 6 Chinese fowl-hen.
- 7 Chinese fowl-cock.
- 8 Pen of fowls other than Chinese (i.e., cock and hen or two hens).
- 9 12 eggs for market purposes.

The proposed standard for a dozen eggs is as follows (the maximum marks to be awarded being given in brackets):—

Shape and size (2) uniformly oval, and shape (weight 23 oz.) Colour (12) uniform over entire shell for a whole dozen.—Condition of shell (12) clean and unsmudged, no wrinkles. Appearance at candling (14) clean and transparent, small air space.

Quality of yolk (25) rich golden colour, should keep shape in saucer, no spots, but germinal disc.

Quality of white (25) fresh, sweet, clear, viscous, glutinous. Two layers of different consistency. An egg must be broken for examination.

The following is the standard for poultry. (The maximum marks being shown in brackets, for shape first, and colour second):—

Symmetry (8) defects, leggy, under undeveloped.

Weight, size (6) defects, over, under, undeveloped.

Condition (4) defects, slow, dull, dirty, poor, fat.

Head (3) and colour (3) defects, flat, long, short, narrow, coarse.

Comb (8) defects, over or under points, uneven, wrinkled, twisted, wrongloped, coarse, spike to high or low.

Wattles (2), (4) defects, long, irregular, uneven, torn, coarse.

Neck (3), (6) defects, long, short, too straight, bad hackle, hollow.

Wings (4), (6) defects, high, low, large, small, broken, badly folded, feathers out.

Back (6), (6) defects, narrow, drooping, deficient.

Tail (4), (5) defects, high, low, feathers out, broken, sickles too short.

A DISPUTE.

Eventually, it came out in examination that the witness and the fugitive were clannishmen, that a sum of \$200 of which the former had charge, was invested in a money loan association, that there had been a dispute between them and that the fugitive had refused to accept the accounts when these were turned over to him, and that the old man then said that he could not withdraw the money from the association before its expiration, but that he would refund it at the proper period or otherwise turn it over to some other clannishman.

The case was adjourned.

Breast (6), (6) defects, narrow, flat, shallow.

Body (3), (3) defects, narrow, too low, tucked up, crooked keel.

Legs and toes (3), (3) defects, long, short, too feathery, knock-kneed, thin, crooked, injured.

Mr. Bullock has offered to put up a prize of \$25 for the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Poultry Section.

OFFICIAL PATRONAGE.

It is pleasing to mention also that H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) has graciously presented a prize to the Show. Major Dowbiggin in presenting at the Committee meeting previous on behalf of His Excellency a cheque for \$25 stated that the prize is to be awarded according to the recommendation of the Committee. It has been proposed that this prize should be awarded to the district that has entered the greatest number of exhibits, regardless of prizes. The Committee has addressed a letter to His Excellency, Mr. Southern, thanking him for the presentation.

VEGETABLE CROPS.

According to a report laid before the Committee, there has been a great improvement in the quantity of vegetables produced as compared with last year in the New Territories and these vegetables produced under the supervision of the Committee workers are sold in the markets of the Colony.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Saturday, October 27 at 2.30 p.m., at Sheungshui.

THE "EVER-READY."

PAK MING BATTERY CO. FINED.

TRADE MARKS INFRINGEMENT.

Fines amounting to \$300 were imposed on the Pak Ming Battery Company, of No. 18, Nanking-street, Yau-mat, for infringements of the trade marks of the "Ever-Ready" batteries, when the case was continued before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared for National Carbon Company of America and the defendants, who were previously represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, were not represented at yesterday's hearing.

On the application of Mr. Hugh Jones his Worship also awarded \$150 costs.

"BUDDHIST" MONKS.

SEEKING CONVERTS TO THE FAITH.

IN ENGLAND.

London.—Three monks dressed in vivid orange-coloured robes and carrying ivory-handled fans recited, in a typical English garden in Regent's Park, N.W., the Sermon of the Great Blessings, delivered by Buddha more than 2,500 years ago.

The sermon was delivered in Sinhalese to an audience of about 60 English men and women converts to the Buddhist faith, and a few native students. Afterwards it was translated by Pandit Hegoda Nandasara, one of the monks, into halting English.

The recitation was the principal feature of the celebration of the 2,517th anniversary of the establishment of the "Reign of the Law of Righteousness," and also of the second anniversary of the British Maha Bodhi Society which has its headquarters in Gloucester-road, Regent's Park, N.W.

The monks who have recently arrived from Ceylon to found the first Buddhist monastery in England, were seated under a great weeping willow tree. Their parchment fans held before their faces formed a kind of sounding board to the recitation which they delivered in unison in high-pitched, musical voices.

The senior monk, Pandit Parawahera, Vajiraghana, gave an address in which he outlined their object in coming to England. They had come, he said, not to convert people forcibly, but to lay before them the beautiful words and truth of Buddhism.

Buddhism was the middle course which avoided the extremes of pleasure and the extremes of self-torture.

Three classes are to be held, one for the practice of Buddhism, another for the teaching of the Pali tongue, and another to teach people to meditate, which the Pandit declared to be the only way to perfection.

K.M.A. OUTPUT & SALES.

The local agents of the Kallan Mining Administration report that the total output of the Administration's mines for the week ended August 25, amounted to 88,000 tons, and the sales during the period to 59,576 tons.

TO-DAY'S FILMS.

"NEW YORK" AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

AN EXCITING DRAMA.

Ricardo Cortez, Lois Wilson, William Powell, Norman Trevor, and Estelle Taylor head the big cast of "New York," a new picture which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The story opens in a Bowery "dive," where four men who have lived their lives on the East Side are introduced. One man alone, determines to get out of the rut and raise himself to the level of the beautiful society girl he loves. His adventures during his rise to fame, including one of the most remarkable circumstantial evidence murder trials ever filmed, form a thrilling and dramatic story, admirably directed by Luther Reed, who also directed Adolphe Menjou in "The Age of Cads." Many interesting scenes including those of the Bowery itself, Times Square, the Woolworth building and other famous New York show places are to be seen in the picture.

"THE LIGHT OF ASIA."

The unique Indian picture "The Light of Asia," which is now being shown at the World Theatre, is an extremely interesting production presenting the life of Gautama Buddha. The picture, played by a purely Indian cast, has been beautifully photographed in the actual settings and it offers some wonderful scenes of Indian pageantry, including a mighty tourney in which princes from far and near assemble with their elephants and camels for a test of skill and valour to win the hand of a beautiful princess.

"ALIAS THE DEACON."

Jean Hersholt, who is the leading player in "Alias the Deacon," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow, is seen in one of his cleverest characterisations as "the Deacon," a wily old gentleman who hides a card sharpening career beneath a benign exterior. Edward Sloan, whose splendid direction of "His People" and other pictures brought him fame, directed "Alias the Deacon." The cast playing in support of Hersholt includes June Marlowe, Ralph Graves, Myrtle Stedman, Ned Sparks, Lincoln Plummer, and Tom Kennedy. "Alias the Deacon," besides a strong story, adapted from the big stage success, has quite a number of real thrills.

THE STEAM CAR.

London.—After the baby car the steam car.

The "Evening Standard" learns that serious efforts are being made to place on the road a steam car which in all respects, excepting its engine, will resemble the present-day light motor-car. Mr. Maina, the designer of Captain Campbell's famous Blue Bird, is collaborating with Mr. Lyon Bowley in this new venture.

Some years ago steam-driven private cars were tried out on the roads, but were admitted then never to have been a complete success. Now, it is claimed that the designer of the new engine overcomes many difficulties and weak points of past models.

The difficulty of starting, it is claimed, has been overcome. Steam is generated in a coil 350 feet in length and is heated by petrol gas ignited by an ordinary sparking plug. The designers believe they have solved the difficulty of an efficient generator, and claim that in less than a minute a pressure of 400 lbs. to the square inch can be acquired.

The radiator as it appears on the present petrol-driven engine will be retained in the form of a condenser.

Flight Lieutenant Murdoch, who left Croydon to fly to the Cape, has arrived at Helopolis, Egypt, in what is believed to be record time.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "THE MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "New York."

To-day—World Theatre: "The Light of Asia."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Alias the Deacon."

September 16—Queen's Theatre: "The Volga Boatman."

September 16-18—World Theatre: "Two Arabian Knights."

September 16-17—Star Theatre: "The Midshipman."

September 17-22—Queen's Theatre: "Chang."

September 19-22—World Theatre: "The Birth of a Nation."

September 18-19—World Theatre: "Are Parents People?"

September 20-22—World Theatre: "The Third Degree."

September 21—Promenade Concert at Volunteer parade ground, 9.15 p.m.

September 12—H.K.V.D.C. (Scottish Co.) meeting at Headquarters, 6 p.m.

September 13—Seaplane Club meeting for local enthusiasts, in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room, 5.30 p.m.

October 13—H.K.V.D.C. annual athletic meeting on Kowloon Cricket Club ground, 2.30 p.m.

September 18—H.K.V.D.C. Sergeants' Mess Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 6 p.m.

Sports.

September 15—Seventh annual Aquatic Sports of the Police and Prison departments at V.R.C., 3 p.m.

September 22—American tournament, "Tadles" Recreation Club, Peak-road, at 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

September 13—Presentation to Mr. W. J. Hill, M. I. Mech. E. at Engineers' & Shipbuilders' Institution, 6 p.m.

September 14—H.K.V.D.C. (Machine Gun Co.) dinner at Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

September 17—Reopening of Central British School.

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September 20—Presentation of medals and labels to members of St. John Ambulance Brigade by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government at Govt. House, 6 p.m.

FOR A BRIDE.

OIL KING WEDS HIS ADOPTED DAUGHTER.

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New York.—Mr. Ernest W. Marland, aged fifty-four, the multimillionaire president of the Marland Oil Company, recently married Miss Lydie Miller Roberts, aged twenty-eight, his former adopted daughter.

The ceremony was performed in Flowertown, a suburb of Philadelphia, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts, the bride's real parents, in the presence of five invited guests. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for a motoring trip through the Canadian Rockies.

They will live at Ponca City, Oklahoma, where Mr. Marland has just completed building a 2400,000 palace for his bride.

Mrs. Marland's mother is the sister of the first Mrs. Marland, who died in 1924. Thus the bride is the niece of the bridegroom as well as his adopted daughter.

She was adopted by Mr. Marland and his first wife sixteen years ago with her brother George. They were taken into Mr. Marland's household and educated as his son and daughter. Miss Roberts' devotion to the first Mrs. Marland during her illness was marked, and Mrs. Marland is said to have suggested just before her death that Mr. Marland should marry Miss Roberts after she had gone.

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CRUCIFIXION.

HEROD AND NOT PILATE
RESPONSIBLE?

NEW LIGHT.

Manchester. — Two more important documents relating to Biblical episodes appear in the bulletin of the John Rylands Library just issued (says the "Morning Post.")

These are further translations by Dr A. Mingana of the Arabic and Syriac manuscripts which he has collected, and which are included in the series known as the Woodbrooke Studies.

The first deals with the Resurrection of Christ and the lamentations of Mary on the occasion of the Crucifixion, and the second is an Apocryphal document, entitled "Martyrdom of Pilate."

In each case Dr. Mingana states that the immediate author of the document is said to be Cyriacus, Bishop of Oxyrhynchus, but the real author of all the historical events is Gamaliel, who often speaks in the first person.

It seems to constitute another link in the Apocryphal chain of the Acts of Pilate or the Gospel of Nicodemus. He states that the document dealing with the lamentation of the Virgin contains a touching passage relating Mary's search on the day of crucifixion.

Herod or Pilate.

"For one of His Holy Disciples to walk with her," she asked for each by name, but found "All had fled and forsaken him from fear of the Jews."

The document supports the belief of the Ethiopian Church that it was Herod and not Pilate who was responsible for the Crucifixion of Christ. It states that the heads of the Jews appealed to Herod for power to crucify Him, as they feared He would be snatched from their hands, "on the advice of Pilate," who "with a great number of people loved Jesus."

The author states that Pilate and his wife "Loved Jesus like their own soul," and that Pilate only ordered the flogging because he believed it would save Jesus from death.

The Jews had promised to release Him if Pilate would "chastise" Him. After the Crucifixion Pilate rebuked the centurions and the High Priest, and, realising that the High Priest was still lying to him, he "rose from his chair, scourged him with a rough whip," and afterwards sent him to prison.

Pilate then proceeded to search for the body of Jesus, and the document tells how he questioned the guards; first together, then separately, when each told a different story regarding the disappearance of the body.

Sight Restored.

Finally, there is a moving account of Pilate giving the wrappings from the body of Jesus into the hands of a centurion, blind in one eye, believing that they would restore sight.

He suggests that the centurion should inhale the exquisite perfume of the wrappings in this way. The centurion touches his face with the wrappings and his sight is restored.

This document ends with the story of the finding of the body in a well in the garden where Jesus was buried, the body proving to be that of the robber who was crucified with Jesus and promised eternal life.

Pilate orders the body to be swathed in Christ's wrappings, and it is then laid in Christ's tomb. Pilate then stretched his hands at the door of the sepulchre and, prayed, and when the tomb is opened the Spiritual form of the robber appears and testifies to his resurrection, saying that he had "been deemed worthy of all favours and gifts before My Lord Jesus Christ, because of the few comforting words that I uttered while He was on the wood of the cross."

"Grannie" Ward, aged 95, a successful applicant for a show site at Mitcham last month, has not missed a fair there for 87 years.

The Rev. John Lawson Forreitt, formerly on the Congo staff of the Baptist Missionary Society, has died at Bournemouth, aged 69.

A NEW WORLD.

LIFE 600,000,000 YEARS
AGO.

SCIENTIST'S FIND.

Sydney, (N.S.W.), July 15. Professor Sir Edgeworth David has stepped into a new world. It is a strange exciting world of beauty and of surprise which will make geologists, evolutionists and paleontologists readjust their ideas of the antiquity of life on this earth.

Briefly, Sir Edgeworth David has discovered in rocks taken from the Mount Lofty and Flinders Ranges, of South Australia, perfectly preserved remnants of animal life millions of years older than any so far classified by science.

Highly Evolved.

While the discovery pushes our knowledge of animal life further into the past, one must understand that from evolution's point of view these organisms, with their highly evolved locomotor appendages and spiral gills for breathing air dissolved in water, are already so complex that, assuming animal life to have begun in the very simplest of forms, this Adelaide fossil fauna would be about nine-tenths of the way up the life column. The newly-discovered fossils range through the thickness of at least 10,000 feet of stratum. This fauna must, therefore, have existed for many millions of years. The animals of which Professor David has discovered the remains appear to be entirely new to science.

The Discoveries.

These consist mostly of well-preserved portions of the harder skeletons of animals allied to the sandworms found on modern beaches, and to the shrimp-like creatures, and to forms related to the crayfish. These last possibly were up to four or five inches long. The sandworms are less than an inch to three inches long. Besides these several forms of animal life are present, and well-preserved for classification in the animal kingdom after paleontologists have studied them.

The most wonderful, almost miraculous feature of these remains is their fine preservation. Their limbs and shells were formed almost entirely of a horny substance called chitin. Usually this substance decays away in old rocks, but, in many of the specimens Professor David has examined, the chitin has scarcely altered since it covered a live organism.

The colours range from a delicate rose madder to pale bronze greens, and are exquisitely lovely.

In fact, the specimens are so nearly perfect that science will probably know more about this remote period of nearly 600,000,000 years ago than it knows of others much more recent.

Brighton Watch Committee have ordered the removal of the waste waterpipe near the West Pier which was the cause of the death of two bathers.

The naval inquiry into the stranding of H.M.S. "Dauntless" in Halifax Harbour, Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 2 opens at Portsmouth.



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LOST EXPLORER.

LAST WHITE MAN WHO SAW
COL. FAWCETT.

"WOULD NOT RETURN."

Paris.—"I am afraid that Colonel Fawcett, the British explorer, has been so long lost among the Indians in the interior of Brazil that he will never be seen again," is the opinion expressed recently by M. Robert Courteville, who was the last man to meet the Colonel in the wilds of South America.

M. Courteville, a French explorer, has just returned home after crossing Brazil to Peru. He found Colonel Fawcett, fever-stricken and almost mad, by the jungle path. The Frenchman was unable to lure the Englishman back to Europe and had to leave him.

"It was in August, 1926," M. Courteville told the British United Press, "when I was passing the Rio da Sassa that I met Colonel Fawcett. As I bumped along in my six-wheeled car I saw a strange-looking man, sitting by the side of the path, his head bent in his hands. He looked up with terror in his eyes at the sight of a motor-car where no automobile had ever been before."

"I then saw that he was a white man, although burned red by the sun. By his side was a Boy Scout's hat. He was shaking from fever."

"I jumped out before the car had stopped and moved to seize his hand, but he drew away from me."

"I saw then that his body was covered with insect bites. His khaki shorts left his long limbs open to the blistering sun and the insects."

"I offered to put him in my car and take him under my care, but he did not even deign to reply. I tried for an hour to get him interested in the idea of accompanying me, but could not get him roused, and was at last obliged to leave."

"I did not know," said M. Courteville, "until I got into the Mormon settlement of Cuyaba, in the State of Matto Grosso, 1,000 miles from the coast. There, after my description, I was told that I had met the man for whom Great Britain and Brazil had been seeking for a very long time."

SHOP BOMBED.

MELBOURNE UNDERWORLD
SEEKING VENGEANCE.

Melbourne, July 25.

Shortly after 2 a.m. to-day an attempt was made to wreck the confectioner's shop, occupied by Percy Jenkins, East Melbourne, when an improvised bomb was placed under the premises. No serious damage was done, and no one was injured.

The outrage is believed to be another underworld act against Jenkins, who several nights ago was shot at and seriously injured by a number of men who drove up to his shop in a motor car and fired at him when he was standing outside his premises. The police think that the men who shot Jenkins were responsible for the bomb.

Miss Madge Vaughan, who had been in charge of the shop since Jenkins has been in hospital, was sleeping in a bedroom at the rear of the premises. She was aroused by a terrific explosion. Getting out of bed she made her way to the shop, and found it in a state of great disorder. Glass show-cases and containers had been shattered and fruit and sweets were strewn about the floor. An examination by the police this morning showed that a ventilator under the floor at the front of the shop had been removed, and into the opening explosive material, contained in a jam tin, had been forced. Jenkins was to have left the Melbourne Hospital yesterday, but was detained, evidently without the knowledge of the person or persons who were responsible for the bomb outrages.

IN A BLAZE.

BLIND MAN'S TERRIBLE
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London, Aug. 20.

The fearful situation of a blind man trapped in a blazing house arose when a Tottenham butcher's shop caught fire at four o'clock this morning. The man was awakened by the the alleviation and correction of cradle of the flames and felt his stomach and bowel troubles in the way to the door. He was driven very young. They quickly remedy back by the smoke and groped his infantile indigestion, constipation, way to the window, but it was too cold, vomiting, check diarrhoea, high, so he got a chair, which alloy teething pains, cool feverishness was already a light, and climbed away, relieves colds and croup, out of the window. pel worms. Your chemist sells Baby's Own Tablets, also post free jump. The man was unable to see 60 cents the vital from the Dr. below, hesitated, then sprang and Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kiang, se Road, Shanghai. He was taken to hospital.

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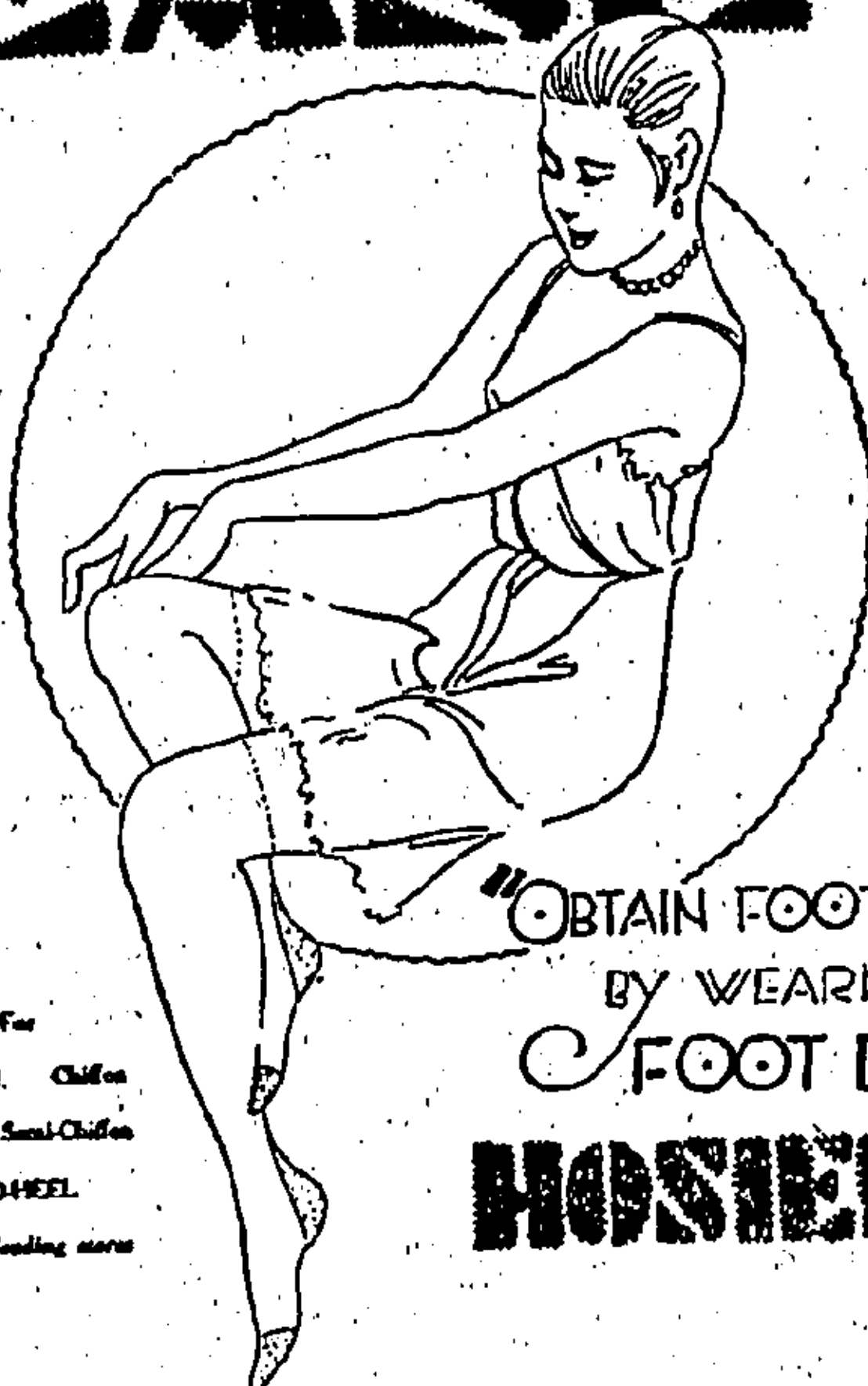
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After a 3,000-Mile Ride.



Out of the West up the steps of New York's City Hall rode Alice May Sixty on her broncho Spottail. Her 3,000 mile ride ended, she handed to Charles E. Kerrigan, assistant to Mayor Jimmy Walker, an invitation to attend the Cheyenne, Wyo., frontier celebration.

Prohibition's Standard Bearers.



William F. Varney of Rockville Centre, N.Y. (left) was nominated for president on the second ballot at the Prohibition convention in Chicago, and James A. Edgerton, of Alexandria, Va., was chosen as his running mate on the first ballot. The latter headed the Jefferson-Lincoln League movement to unite the Prohibition and Farmer-Labor parties.

This Roper Uses the Old Head.



Good headwork is an asset in any line. If you don't believe it just look at the demonstration which "Strawberry Red" Wall, Calgary, Alb. cowboy, is staging in the above picture. He is seen making a perfect throw while doing a headstand and balancing himself with one hand.

"Mexico's Lindy" Killed in Crash.



Bravely Captain Emilio Carranza (inset) defied a lightning and thunder storm in leaving Roosevelt Field on his non-stop flight to Mexico City. But the elements were too much for him. He crashed in a berry patch near Burlington, N.J., within a short time after his departure for home. The above picture shows all that remains of "Mexico Universal," a sister ship of Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis."

Excavate Tombs 5,000 Years Old.



How the ancient peoples of Ur and Chaldea lived and loved and fought 5,000 years ago were revealed by the University of Pennsylvania Museum expedition headed by Prof. C. Leonard Woolley, shown with Mrs. Woolley in the foreground of the picture at upper right, which includes the native excavators. The two photos at upper left show a silver rein-ring from the royal wagon and the sounding box of a harp inlaid with gold and lapis lazuli. Below is a statue of Queen Shub'Ad, whose hair-dress is curiously modern despite the barbaric ear-trinkets; and right, the Mosaic "standard of the kings of Ur" which depicts the army of the Sumerians and the king and royal family at a feast. The bottom picture shows the head of a bull, the workmanship being thin gold over wood. The beard indicates the statue was a religious symbol.

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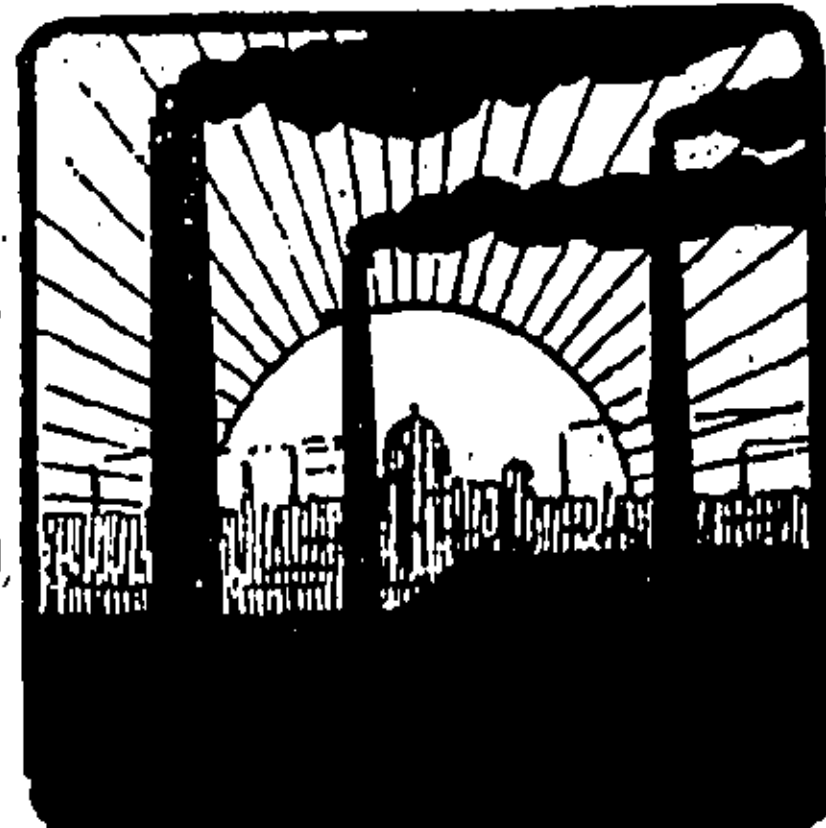
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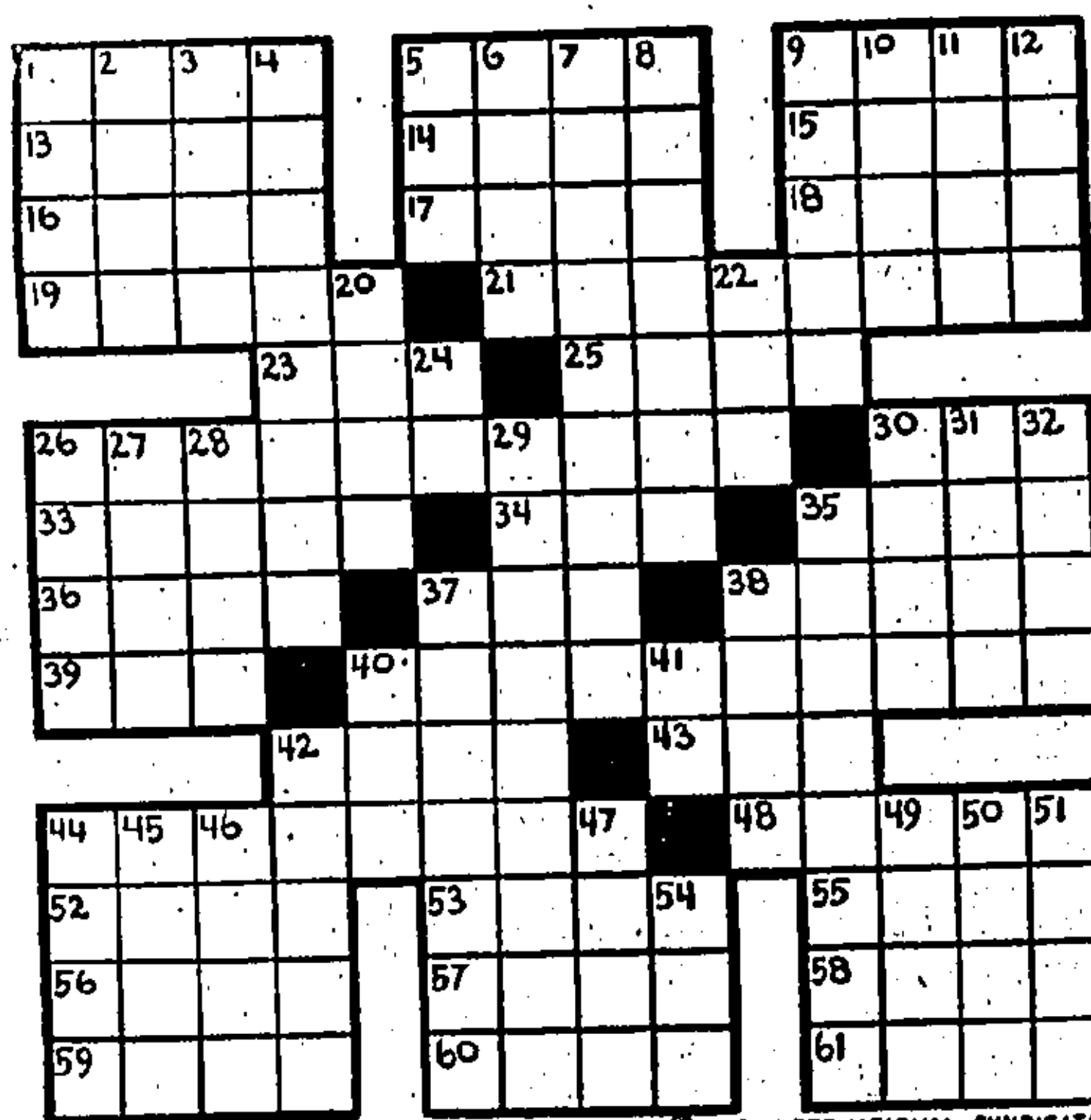
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



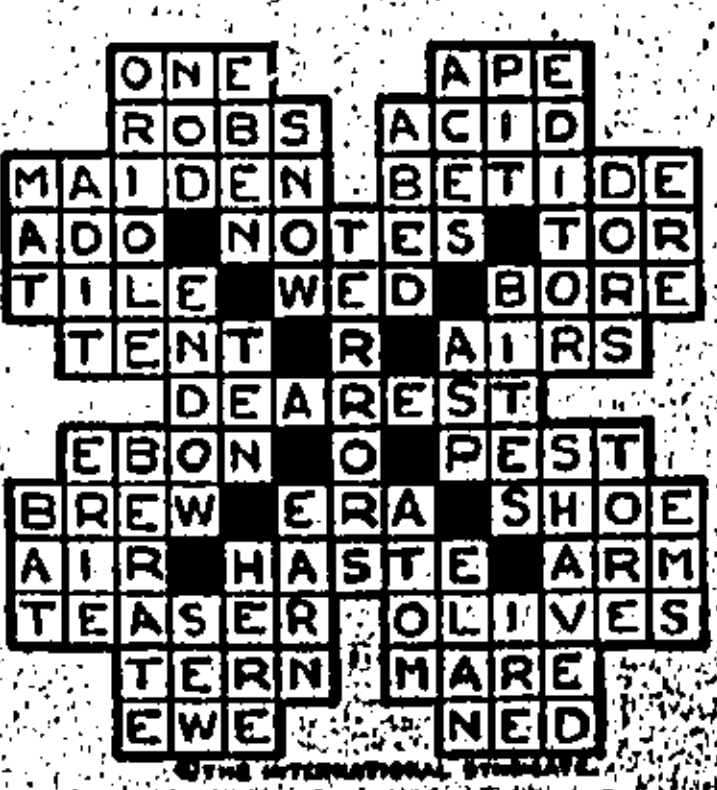
- HORIZONTAL**
- Rise in thought or imagination
 - Sacred white bull of Egyptians
 - Oyster spawn
 - Bait
 - Rough play
 - Island in Mediterranean
 - Combining form of acetic
 - Shrimp
 - Angler's implement
 - Quay
 - Restore to a good state
 - Purpose
 - Domineer over
 - Exceeded in skill or quality
 - Latin abbreviation for Holy Mother Church
 - Preface
 - To feel pain
 - Elderly
 - Japanese statesman
 - Set at defiance
 - French article (pl.)
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Wonderfully (slang)
 - Prophet
 - Unit
 - Groundless conception of fancy
 - Falls
 - Learning
 - Minute particle
 - Membrane of brain
 - The dye indigo
 - Thin
 - Nuisance
 - Paradise
 - Select
- VERTICAL**
- Wait on
 - Peckish
 - Inolite
 - Recital
 - Motion picture
 - Eccentric
 - Near relative
 - Gem
 - Impel
 - Part of the foot
 - Soaked
 - Vitrified clender
 - Small whirlpool
 - Commander (pl.)
 - Repeat
 - Fasten
 - Perceive
 - Negative
 - To fuse
 - Applaud
 - Whetstone
 - Pupil of the eye
 - Only
 - Combining form meaning oily
 - Fruit
 - Dispatched
 - Human race
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- Salad
 - Exclamation indicating slight pain
 - Superficial extent
 - Followed backward
 - Curved line
 - Poverty stricken
 - Baptism by submersion
 - Dog with hanging ears

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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Mainland	1124
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Kowloon Peak	1971

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WHY 'PHONES REMAIN.

[By a Radio Expert.]

One of the surprising features of the development of broadcasting has been the consistent popularity of the crystal set. Described as it is by the proud owner of an elaborate receiver containing six, seven, or eight valves, the crystal set still retains a great attraction. That popularity, certainly, is largely confined to people who do not find it convenient or desirable to pay the price of an expensive receiver; but it is surprising to find that the crystal receiver is in many homes where the economic factor apparently is not of importance.

It is interesting to speculate as to what is to be the future of the crystal set. Its use now is confined to homes situated near the broadcasting stations, as the maximum distance of satisfactory reception by crystal from a station such as 2BL is about 10 miles—although, with special attention to design and operation, that distance is frequently exceeded. The fact that the bulk of listeners are near the station, and that the majority of people prefer to obtain their broadcast entertainment at a minimum expense, probably explains why so many crystal receivers are still in existence in the metropolitan area. In the country, of course, they are practically non-existent, for the simple reason that beyond a certain distance they would be useless.

RELAY STATIONS.

It seems likely that relay stations will soon be established in the country, and if a station is operated, say, at Newcastle, there will certainly be an increase in crystal sets in that district.

At one time it was estimated that in the metropolitan area probably 50 per cent. of the receivers were crystal sets. If that proportion is still maintained, a large number of those sets should be useful in Newcastle, and consequently many people who are now not prepared to pay the price of a valve receiver would become subscribers to the broadcasting services.

As already mentioned, the crystal set is used not only on account of economy; many people prefer it on account of clarity of reception through a pair of headphones. It is certainly true that crystal reception generally is much clearer than the average valve and loud speaker reception. It also enables one to concentrate more on an item and exclude extraneous noises which sometimes mar the enjoyment of listening to a loud speaker. It is a selfish method of listening, nevertheless. Although some crystal sets are equipped with 2, 3, or 4 pairs of headphones, the general practice is to have one pair, and consequently only one person can listen-in at a time. And with some types of receivers which do not give a satisfactory volume, the selfishness of the reception is demonstrated very clearly when the listener objects even to the turning of a page of a newspaper by some other member of the family who may be sitting nearby.

Crystal sets and headphones go together; a satisfactory method of attaching a loud speaker to a crystal receiver does not appear to have been devised. Consequently, we are likely to consider all head-phone listening as crystal reception. There are, of course, many small valve sets which, due either to their location in respect to the broadcasting station or to the number of valves used, will give only head-phone reception. Some of the crystal reception is thus available, and the attendant selfishness or concentration of reception, if you will have it that way, is continued. The proper place for head-phone reception is in institutions such as hospitals, where it is essential that some persons in a room may desire to listen, while others desire not to be disturbed.

IMPROVING RECEPTION.

Within recent months, considerable attention has been paid to improving crystal receivers, particularly in Great Britain. It is not surprising that the development should take place in that country, as the aim of the Broadcasting Corporation is to provide a service of crystal reception to the large majority of listeners; and the economics of the matter probably affect listeners more in some parts of Great Britain than in other countries. This development is associated also with receivers of a type employing crystal detectors and valve amplification. An excellent set, consisting of a valve detector with one high frequency amplifier valve may be obtained economically.

One of the principal advantages of a crystal receiver, namely, the absence of batteries that necessitate frequent attention and are always likely to let one down when friends are invited to listen to the valve set, is lost when valves are combined with a crystal detector. It is still necessary to mess about with batteries.

Even allowing for the disadvantage of the crystal set—its selfishness, the necessity for a bigger aerial, and the inadequate selectivity normally associated with it—it is reasonably certain that the advantage of economy and clarity of reception as well as to some convenience of personal listening will result in the crystal set retaining for some time to come, the popularity which it has earned and maintained. While attention is being given by research workers to the improvement of means of crystal reception, it is certain that the crystal set will still be found in many homes until something better in efficiency and cost replaces it.

IRREVERENT RADIOS.

[In the following graphic scenes "Punch" depicts Mr. J. H. Thomas, the well known Railway Labour M.P. assisted by a party of four Railway Directors, singing anti-phonous songs in order to encourage the travelling public to make greater use of trains.]

Mr. J. H. Thomas.

O broadcasters, wake from your dream!

First Director.

O listeners, attend to our theme!

Second Director.

O holiday-makers

Third Director.

And char-a-banc-takers,

Fourth Director.

Remember the glories of steam!

First Director (suddenly recognising the metre.)

There was a young girl who said

"Fah!

Why on earth should I go down

by car

To delightful Southend.

With my gentleman friend

When the railway is lovelier far?"

Mr. J. H. Thomas (nobly responding.)

I once knew a Duke who said

"Mirh

Is the keynote of travelling to Perth,

And a cosy express.

Where you dine and undress,

Is the lordliest life upon earth."

Second Director (also doing 'his best.)

There was a young couple at

Harwich

Who never got out of the carriage;

They preferred to remain

Sitting there in the train

Till the friendship resulted in marriage.

Third Director (failing a little.)

For those of His Majesty's lieges

Who want to take rooms at Lyme

Regis,

The Southern will send you,

And guard and defend you,

Beneath its beneficent eagle.

Fourth Director (really hard up.)

Enchantment is not a misnomer

For week-end excursions to Cromer;

The engine and tender

Seem fraught with a splendour

And the brakes have a briny aroma.

Mr. J. H. Thomas (resuming after a slight pause and reverting to the true limerick vein.)

There was an old Sultan of Salis-

bury

Who wanted some wives for his

harem

So he had them sent down

By a fast train from town.

For he thought that his motor

would scallaburry.

First Director (doggedly.)

There was a young lady of Cirencester.

Whose fiancé went down to Cirencester.

By the Great Western line,

Which he swore was divine,

And he couldn't have been much

emphreestear.

Second Director (inspired.)

There was a young lady of Shropshire.

Who went for a holiday to Shropshire.

With a well-to-do bloke

Who was changing at Stoke.

And with whom she decided to

popphire.

Third Director (with a touch of candour.)

There is an old party whose journey

is to stand in the station at Fowey

And to greet with loud cheers

Every train that appears.

He has done so since he was a

boy.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

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A NEW PRINCIPLE IN WIRELESS.

AUTHOR'S RIGHT.

[By A Barrister.]

In fairness to those who represented Britain at the International Copyright Conference in Rome, some reply must be made to the recent protest of a number of writers and publishers, including Sir James Barrie and Lord Gorell, which alleged that, though the foreign delegations were represented by persons selected "with due regard to their fitness," the British delegation was composed merely of Government officials.

The matter will doubtless be raised in Parliament when the President of the Board of Trade will be able to deal with the criticism, but meanwhile it may be pointed out that the able officials who represented Britain had for many months previously called into frequent consultation persons and societies with expert knowledge of the interests at stake. They were also in a position to consult the Law Officers whenever required, and at least one of the officials had a grip of the subject of international copyright such as could be claimed by few of the signatories to the protest.

The protest does not, in fact, indicate that the British delegation failed in any particular respect, but the convention does show that it introduced into the old Berne-Berlin copyright convention, an important new principle with regard to wireless transmission. The clause states:

Authors of literary and artistic works shall enjoy the exclusive right of authorising the publication of their works to the public by radio-diffusion.

It devolves on the national legislatures of the countries of the Union to regulate the conditions for the exercise of the right contained in the preceding paragraph, but those conditions will have an effect strictly limited to the countries which have established them. In no case will they impugn either the moral right of the author, or the right of the author to obtain an equitable remuneration, fixed, in default of an amicable agreement by the competent authority.

"A First Step."

This is only a first step, which each of the signatory States will have to work out by national legislation, but the problem proved so difficult of solution that it was nearly shelved altogether, and it is understood that only the timely intervention of the British delegation secured the adoption of the new clause.

In connection with the duration of copyright, the following new clause was agreed upon:

The duration of the right of the author belonging in common to the collaborators in a work is calculated from the date of the death of the last surviving collaborator.

Subjects of countries which allow a duration of protection less than that provided in the preceding paragraph cannot claim a protection of longer duration in the other countries of the Union.

In no case shall the duration of protection cease before the death of the last surviving of the collaborators.

The time limit for the ratifications of the Convention is July 1, 1931.

LOUD SPEAKER POINTS ON NEW STEAMER.

Broadcast receiving equipment for the entertainment of passengers will be one of the luxuries on board the "Lady Nelson," the twin-screw steamer launched at Birkenhead last week for the Canadian National Steamships' service between Canada and the West Indies. Leads will be provided in all public rooms on the ship, so that loud speakers can be plugged in as desired.

Fourth Director (baffled, and striking a less hilarious note.)

Remember, good people and voters, Deputies of whisks and of bloaters.

The newspapers pay you

Far more if we slay you

Than if you are slaughtered by

motors.

Together (in unison.)

O listeners, attend to our cry!

O holiday-makers, be nigh!

Don't travel by bus

To the sea, but by us

Or the railways of England will die

(triumphantly) Of the railways of Eng-

land will die. Goodbye!

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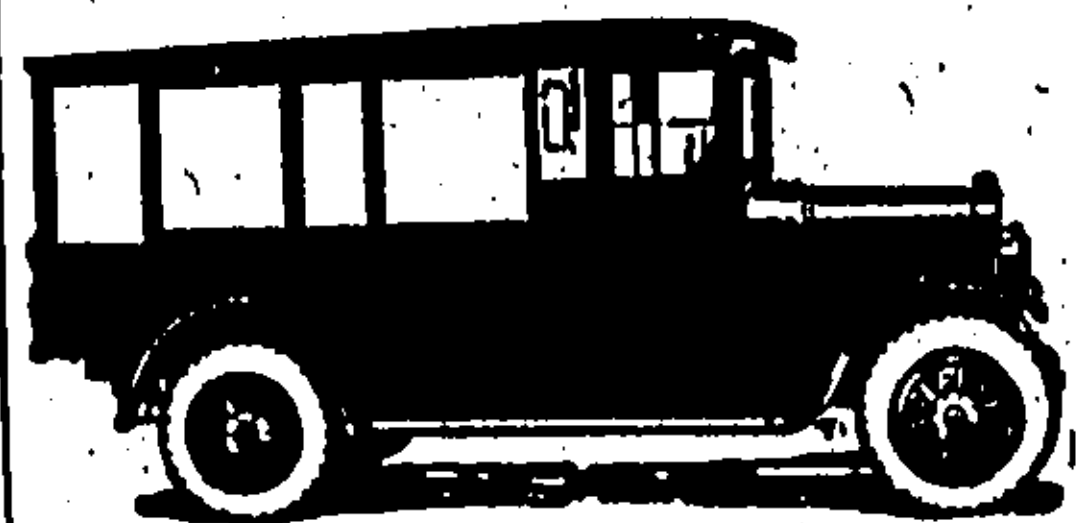
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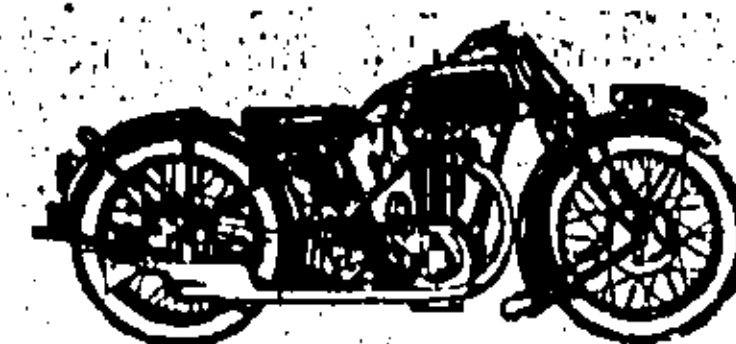


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Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.		
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers London 16th Aug. and Parcels 9th Aug.)	Morea	
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.		
Japan	Tango Maru	
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.		
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.		
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For	Per	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.		
Saigon	Shunchih	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Chong On	4 p.m.
Manila	President Jefferson	4.30 p.m.
Bangkok	King Yuan	5 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow	5 p.m.
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Manila	Tjisalak	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Huoh	6 p.m.
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Holhow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
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Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Japan	Morea	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Morea	6 p.m.
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.		
Amoy	Tjikembang	9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	2 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa	Fooksang	5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COTTON INDUSTRY CRISIS.

A REMEDY?

VICKERS READY TO SUPPLY WONDERFUL LOOM.

COMPETITION DEFIED.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Franklin Smith, director of Messrs. Vickers, addressing a meeting of the members of the United Association Powerloom Overlookers, who witnessed a demonstration of the Vickers-Slaforth automatic loom at Vickers Works, Graysford, said: "If Lancashire can be equipped with 750,000 of these looms, with one man controlling 25 to 30, there would be a saving of £20,000,000 yearly, and no country in the world could sustain competition against Britain in the production of textiles.—Reuter.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS OF THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT.

THE INSPECTION.

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

Members of the Police Reserve are reminded that the 7th Annual Aquatic Sports of the Police and Prison Departments will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday, September 15, commencing at 3.00 p.m. All Police Reservists and their families are cordially invited to attend.

POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held on Tuesday, September 11 and 18 at 6.00 p.m. sharp. All members of the Chinese and Indian Companies, and of the Flying Squad who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course must attend.

CHINESE COMPANY.

Strength. The following seven recruits have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from September 6:—

Constables: R82 Cheng Ping-kwan, R83 Leung Ping-tseung, R84 Leung Teh-min, R85 Young Jacman, R86 Ho Lam, R87 Wong Chung and R90 Chan Hon-wing.
Training. Constable R22 Leung Kwong-choi has been passed out as efficient in Part 1 of Training Course (Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises).

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, September 13, for the monthly inspection of Arms, Equipments, etc., by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: White Uniform (second issue), Cap with white cover; Rifle Belt, Sidearms, Truncheon, Whistle, Armband, Badge, "Pocket Policeman," and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of Uniform will attend in Mufti. No member may be absent from this parade, without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

FLYING SQUAD.

Equipment. Members who have not applied to the Store for their Flying Squad Badges are requested to do so as soon as possible.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, September 11, Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsi Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, September 13, Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Special Escort Duty. Members of the Flying Squad who are detailed for special escort duty at the Motorist Picnic to the Blind Home inmates on Saturday, September 15, will parade at the Star Ferry Wharf (Hong Kong side) at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

SHARPSHOOTERS' COMPANY. Rifle Practice. Rifle practice will be carried out on the Peak Range on Sunday, the 16th inst., at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Top Tram Station at 10.00 a.m. Uniform optional.

(Sgd.) W. KENT, A.S.E. Adjutant.
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DEATH OF A FAMOUS BALLOONIST.

CAPT. H. SPENCER.

FALLS FROM THE ROOF OF A HOUSE.

A PREDICTION.

London, Yesterday.
Captain Henry Spencer, the famous balloonist, has been killed at Rugby. A balloon in charge of Spencer's son, which had gone up in connection with a local carnival, dropped on to a roof of a house.

Spencer climbed on to the roof to disentangle the balloon from chimney pots. Suddenly he rolled with outstretched arms down the roof, apparently overcome by gas, and fell 50 feet into the road.

Apart from his ballooning feats, Spencer has probably made a greater number of parachute descents than any other man living. He was the designer of the original Spencer parachute, which was used during the war. On one occasion he made a descent from 13,500 feet at Halifax. Spencer had often said that he should never die in a balloon accident or a parachute mishap but from something quite simple.—British Wireless Service.

BULGARIAN CRISIS.

THE PREMIER'S UNEXPECTED RESIGNATION.

DISSATISFACTION.

Sofia, Yesterday.
Dissatisfied with the proceedings of a meeting of the majority parties, discussing his new Cabinet, M. Lapatheff has again resigned. It is understood that the Populists, one of the most important groups, which is supporting the Government, has refused to participate in the Ministry as a protest against the exclusion of M. Bouroff.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS MEET.

TO DISCUSS SALT GABELLE IMPASSE.

Peking, Yesterday.
It is understood that a critical situation has arisen regarding the Salt Gabelle owing to the continued failure of the Nationalist Government to restore the administration to its proper footing. A meeting to discuss the situation was held this morning between the Japanese Minister and the French and British Charge d'Affaires. Unless steps are now taken to restore the administration, it is not improbable that a public statement will be issued in the near future.—Reuter.

COL. SWEMMER.

ENQUIRIES TO BE MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Bombay, Aug. 12.
Pending references to the Government of the Union of South Africa, the Bangalore police are not acting any further in the matter of the arrest and the enlargement of ball of Colonel B. N. Swemmer.

It transpired that Mr. Russell, who had secured a farm holding through Colonel Swemmer, called on the police in connection with the signature of a passport to Johannesburg for his son, and was about to send his son to South Africa with Colonel Swemmer, who was to have sailed from Bombay on August 4.

NATIONALIST LEADERS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Marshall Chiang Kai-shek is leaving Fenghsia (his birthplace) for Nanking on Sept. 12.

Admiral Yang Shu-chwang (commander of the Nationalist Navy) sailed for Foochow to-day on board the transport "Chinan." He is to take up the chairmanship of the Fukien Provincial Government, which has its headquarters at Foochow.—Reuter.

A wireless telephone service between Switzerland and the United States, with a charge of £10 for a three-minute call, has been inaugurated.

GREATEST OF ALL MYSTERIES.

WHAT IS DEATH?

IMPORTANT THEORIES ABOUT TO BE PROPOUNDED.

PROF. HILL'S DISCOVERIES.

London, Yesterday.
What is expected to prove a most important paper at this year's meeting of the British Association will be that of Professor Donnan on "The Mystery of Death," which will be read to-morrow night.

Its interest, so far as can be ascertained, will be largely in what Prof. Donnan will say about the recent researches of Professor Hill of the London University.

Prof. Donnan believes that no one has come so near on the physiological side to solving the problem of the essential difference between life and death as has Professor Hill.

Prof. Hill has for some time been devoting himself particularly to the study of muscles and nerve cells and it is understood that his researches have led him to important conclusions. These conclusions are based on the fact that when the human mechanism runs down with consequent death the cause is due to failure of the oxygen supply which leads to interruption of oxidation and has its effect on the molecular structure. But this interruption is something very different from that which takes place when the internal combustion engine runs out of petrol. While such engine is not destroyed by the stoppage any stoppage of the human mechanism is fatal.

The reason apparently is that in human life another condition has to be reckoned with, namely, disintegration which prevents all the important process of oxidation. It is hinted that the results of Prof. Hill's work are sufficiently important to justify the assumption that what has been achieved will express itself even in regard to the origin of life. It is even predicted that the disclosure of them may lead to a conflict of opinion as great as that which has raged over the Darwin theories.

On the other hand, in his Presidential address to-day to the physiological section of the Association, Professor Lovatt Evans declared that there should be no illusion about finding final explanations of what life is. Enormously rapid developments had been made in physics of recent years. But since philosophy cannot arrive at an explanation of the nature of human understanding of the great mystery of the origin of nature and the purpose of life would, he thought, always remain.—British Wireless Service.

"ROASTED TOAD."

"WISE WOMEN'S" MEDICINES AND REMEDIES.

"MOUSE'S ASHES."

Cardiff.—Strange instances of the persistent survival of bizarre and purely superstitious medieval folk medicines were related to the British Medical Association conference by Dr. E. Roland Williams, of Maseochog, Pembrokehire.

There was still the fantastic employment of "drugs" of animal origin. "Bears' grease, once a popular remedy, was not now so fashionable, but goose grease was still a favourite inunction for wheezing chests and sore throats. Spiders' web was used, too, as a styptic for cuts, and salt bacon was quite a common dressing for boils and whitlows.

"Wise women" still existed in Wales who advised a ritual in which some small animal, such as a toad, was incinerated, pulverised, and administered to the patient in food or drink. Only a year ago one of these women, it had been found, prescribed for a small boy the mashed ashes of a mouse which had been roasted alive, served to him with his porridge.

Sir Granville Ryrie, High Commissioner for Australia at the League of the Empire's Franco-British Education Congress at University College, Gower-street, London, said that many of the textbooks on Australia used in England were incorrect.

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